

Church Leaders Take 'Hardline' Position On Death Penalty

NASHVILLE (BP)—Many pastors and teachers of Sunday School in Southern Baptist churches approve of the death penalty for persons convicted of murder according to the latest Viewpolls.

Pastors in the Baptist Viewpoll panel, selected to be representative of all Southern Baptist pastors, recorded 65.2 percent approval of the death penalty. This percentage is higher than the total for Sunday School teachers and considerably higher than the general public approval recorded by the Gallup Poll one month prior to the Baptist Viewpoll survey. However, the percentage for pastors is more comparable to a 60 percent approval on the part of male Americans in the Gallup study.

Along with five other current questions, panel members were asked, "Are you in favor of the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?"

"Yes" was the opinion of 65.2 percent of the pastors and 58.8 percent of the Sunday School teachers.

"No" was expressed by 29.2 percent of the pastors and 34.5 percent of the Sunday School teachers.

"No opinion" was the choice of 5.2 percent of the pastors and 5.8 percent of the Sunday School teachers.

In the Gallup Poll's 1969 survey of this item, 51 percent of the adult general public expressed approval of the death penalty, while 40 percent disapproved of the death penalty for persons convicted of murder and 9 percent indicated "No Opinion."

In a 1953 Gallup Poll, level of approval stood at 68 percent, then dropped regularly to a level of 42 percent in 1966, and is now on the upswing. The recent rise is consistent with, and perhaps associated with, the increase in unrest, riots, and general disregard for laws in the country.

It may be somewhat surprising that the religious background of these active church leaders does not result in a softer position concerning the death penalty. Even after allowance for differing viewpoints associated with sex, both pastors and Sunday School teachers are significantly stronger in their approval of the death penalty than the general public. This does not necessarily mean that the stronger "hardline" position is due to religious background. It does raise interesting questions.

The findings are based upon a 92 percent response by the 600 Baptist Viewpoll panel members.

World Missions Rally Set For Garaywa Sept. 13-14

The annual Brotherhood World Missions Rally at Camp Garaywa, September 13-14, will spotlight the foreign missionaries who are on furlough in Mississippi, and Home and State mission personnel, according to Rev. E. L. Howell, Director of the Brotherhood Department, sponsor.

These people will be serving as resource persons for the various discussion groups, participating on panel discussions and giving special emphasis to their particular area of work.

Leaders will include Dr. W. Doug-

las Hudgins, executive secretary; Dr. Joel Alvis, Jackson physician; Dr. Bryant Hicks, associate professor of Christian Missions, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. and Mrs. David N. Mayhall, missionaries to Nigeria, and Rev. and Mrs. Lewis J. Myers, Jr., missionaries to Vietnam.

The rally should be of special interest to all World Missions Study and Action leaders, since the program will be so closely related to the main purpose of Brotherhood work.

Mr. Howell is urging all associational and church leadership to attend as many sessions of the rally as possible in order that our people may get the challenge of World Missions.

The program will begin with registration at 8:45 a.m., Saturday, September 13, and will close with a noon-day meal on the 14th.

Many who are in the central area of the state will be able to return to their homes after the close of the evening session. Provisions for overnight lodging will be made for those who will be traveling greater distances and need to wait until the next day to go home.

The program personnel will include several of our prominent state leaders, and several home and foreign missionaries.

Those to convene the various conferences will be Convention Board workers from the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Assisting Mr. Howell will be Paul Harrell, associate in the Brotherhood Department.

Mr. Howell urges that you contact the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205, giving the number of people planning to attend from your church in order that ample food preparation may be made.

COST: Over night lodging — \$1.50 and furnish your linens. (linens furnished are \$1.00 extra)
Food: — Lunch \$1.25, Supper \$1.25, Breakfast \$.85.

This World Missions Conference has been sponsored now for several years by the Brotherhood Department.

Church leaders who are urged to attend include pastors, associate pastors, educational directors, secretaries, church committees and all church organization officers and leaders, including Sunday School, Brotherhood, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, church music and any other's.

All superintendents of missions and associational officers and leaders are also urged to attend.

Grant Named To Head Ouachita

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)—Daniel R. Grant, professor of political science and director of the Urban and Regional Development Center at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, has been named president of Ouachita Baptist University, here, effective Feb. 1, 1970. Grant will fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Ralph A. Phelps, who had been president for 16 years.

Grant, 45, received his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from Ouachita in 1945. In 1946, he received the Certificate in Public Administration from studies pursued at the Universities of Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky. He received the master of arts degree from the University of Alabama and the doctor of philosophy degree from Northwestern University in 1948.

He has attained national recognition as an authority on urban government and inter-governmental relations; has served as visiting professor of municipal government and planning at Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand; has served as consultant for the U. S. Advisory Commission on Inter-governmental Relations; and is currently a member of the Advisory Committee on Federalism and Metropolitan Government, established by the National Committee for Economic Development.

Grant is author and co-author of several books; and has served on several committees and commissions of the Southern Baptist Convention, including the Southern Baptist Foundation, the Christian Life Commission, and the Findings Committee of the Baptist Education Study Task (BEST) of Baptist Colleges, and the study committee on Baptist Student Work.

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"AND GOD SAW every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31a) One of

the glories of his firmament is Lower Falls, Yellowstone National Park. (Union Pacific Railroad Photo)

June SBC Mission Gifts Set Record

NASHVILLE (BP)—A record month of mission giving during the month of June pushed Southern Baptist world missions contributions for the first half of 1969 to almost the half-way mark in reaching the 1969 convention budget.

Gifts to world missions through the Cooperative Program unified budget plan totalled \$13,971,560 for the first six months of the year, an increase of \$893,551 or 6.83 per cent over mission gifts for the same period in 1968.

Officials of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee here were optimistic that the convention would reach its \$28 million budget by the end of the year.

In addition to the \$13.9 million in Cooperative Program gifts, Southern Baptists also gave \$20.4 million in designated contributions to specific mission causes, mostly home and foreign missions.

The grant total mission contributions for the first half of the year was \$24,430,476, an increase of \$1,783,002 over similar gifts for 1968. It was a 5.46 per cent increase.

During the month of June, Cooperative Program contributions topped \$2.2 million, an increase of 9.77 per cent over similar gifts during June of 1968; and designated gifts for June were \$1.2 million.

"It was the best June we've ever had in Cooperative Program gifts," said John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee which prepares the monthly financial report. Williams added that it was not the best month of the year, pointing out that June usually is a rather low month.

Of the \$22.6 million in total contributions, the biggest share has gone to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, to support Baptist mission efforts abroad.

Foreign missions has received \$23 million during the first six months of the year, and home missions has received \$7.2 million.

The gifts also went to support six Southern Baptist seminaries, and 11 other nation-wide Southern Baptist agencies.

Misinterpretations Persist On Court's Prayer Decision

By Beth Hayworth
WASHINGTON (BP)—A marathon talk-fest in Congress about the Supreme Court's 1962 and 1963 decisions banning government-sponsored prayers and required Bible readings from

the nation's public schools may signal an increase in efforts to reverse the court's decisions.

The "Prayer Day" in the House of Representatives gave further evidence of misinterpretations that continue to

crop up concerning what the Supreme Court actually said in its historic decisions.

In the "Prayer Day" observance, Congressmen who have introduced bills asking for some kind of "prayer amendment" to the U. S. Constitution were asked to speak in support of their proposals. Only 74 of the House's 435 members responded.

Of this group, almost half were not members of the House of Representatives in 1964 when the House Judiciary Committee held extensive hearings on similar proposals for a constitutional "prayer amendment."

House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford (R., Mich.), the second speaker in the marathon, called attention to the 1964 hearings and the opposition expressed then by many religious leaders to the proposals.

He admitted that it would be "extremely difficult" to obtain a con-

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CORRECTION - COOPERATIVE GIFTS UP 3.3 PERCENT - NOT 14.5 PERCENT

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first six months of this Convention year, ending June 30, were up 3.3 percent over the same period a year ago, instead of 14.5 percent as erroneously reported on page one of the Baptist Record last week.

Several figures in the story last week were incorrect, which the Baptist Record regrets. The correct figures are given below, as released by A. L. Nelson, treasurer and business manager of the Convention Board.

Cooperative Program receipts for the first six months of this convention year, ending June 30, totaled \$1,979,000.

This is an increase of \$67,389, or 3.3 percent over the \$1,911,610 given the same period a year ago.

Receipts for June totaled \$348,043, an increase of \$9,781 or 2.9 percent over the \$338,262 contributed in June a year ago.

Nixon Not To Appoint Envoy To Vatican

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Nixon has decided not to appoint a full-time envoy to Vatican City, according to White House Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler.

In a press conference held in Key Biscayne, Fla., Ziegler said the President thought it "highly essential to maintain close communications" with the Vatican, but that it is his intention to do this by periodically sending high level officials for meeting with the Pope and other Vatican officials.

Ziegler's disclosure of the administration's decision against naming a full-time ambassador to the Vatican was confirmed in a telephone conversation with Baptist Press here.

In March the President said in a news conference that he was considering such an appointment. Southern Baptists and other religious groups, including a number of Roman Catholic leaders, have strongly opposed formal ties between the United States Government and the Vatican.

Baptism On A Raft In Vietnam Climaxes 100 Percent Response

In the middle of a cleared field at a resettlement village near Camranh, South Vietnam, a bright orange, 30-man raft served as a baptismal pool for 103 new believers in Jesus Christ.

As the converts' names were called, they entered the raft two by two and, because of the shallowness of the water, sat down to be immersed. Two Vietnamese pastors from nearby churches performed the rite.

Following the baptismal service, the people took tables, chairs, and food into a long shed (where families are herded on their arrival at a government resettlement village, before they have land and house available) and had a meal together. Then they elected a steering committee for the

new congregation.

The unusual scene, result of an amazing 100 percent response to an evangelistic service, was described by Dr. R. Keith Parks, secretary for Southeast Asia for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in his report to the Board at its June meeting.

The Camranh experience, together with the fact that more than 100 professions of faith have been made in Saigon churches in one month, leads missionaries in Vietnam to believe a spiritual breakthrough is in the making, Dr. Parks said. "They continue to urge prayer and reinforcements as they seek to establish beachheads of spiritual forces," he said. "The feeling is strong that, as local leader-

ship is trained and the war diminishes, opportunities will increase."

Rev. James M. Gayle, Southern Baptist missionary, preached in the special service held at the Camranh resettlement village during observance of the Vietnamese lunar new year (Tet holiday) earlier this year. At the end of the service the entire group responded to the invitation, and the missionary thought the people had not understood.

Rev. Walter A. Routh, Jr., missionary in that area, made further explanation, and again the entire group indicated they wanted to become Christians. He discouraged them, fearing spurious decisions. Then he dismissed the entire group, stating

that if anyone wanted to tarry to talk, he would be waiting. For the third time all those present indicated they were accepting Christ as Saviour.

Mr. Routh asked a Vietnamese Baptist who teaches school in the area to talk with the people. After conversing with them, he said, "Mr. Routh, these are simple, unsophisticated, reliable people. If they did not believe something, you could not make them say they did by beating them with a stick. However, if they say they believe something, they do." Then he chided gently, "Why don't you just let them believe in Jesus?"

After this beginning the group chose leadership from among themselves.

Dr. Parks reported, and these leaders were taken into town for an intensive and comprehensive exposure by Mr. Routh and a Vietnamese Baptist leader as to what it means to be a Christian, the meaning of baptism, and the responsibility of being a church member.

The missionary was careful to let leadership remain in Vietnamese hands, Dr. Parks said, since such a practice strengthens Vietnamese Baptists and thwarts Communists who seek to brand Christianity as a Western, imperialistic, colonialistic religion led by Americans.

Dr. Parks reported that on a subsequent visit to the village, Mr. Routh saw small, hand-lettered signs with

the word Baptist sprouting up in the front yards, over the doorposts, and over the gates to the yards of many homes. Used lumber was given to the people, and they made benches which they could use during weekdays in their bare homes and carry to church on Sunday. Recently the government designated land for a church, and the group is planning to erect its own building, using lumber and other materials which have been donated.

As Dr. Parks and the missionaries were leaving the resettlement village, some of the new Christians pointed to a nearby jungle and said, "That area is being cleared for 200 more families. When they arrive, we Baptists will be ready."

Baptist-Jewish Scholars Meet Set Aug. 18-20

NEW YORK — A three-day Baptist-Jewish scholars' conference sponsored jointly by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Interreligious Department of the American Jewish Committee will be held August 18-20, 1968, at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. It was announced today by the conference co-chairmen, Dr. Joseph R. Estes, Secretary of the Department of Work Related to Nonevangelicals, Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National Director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, New York City.

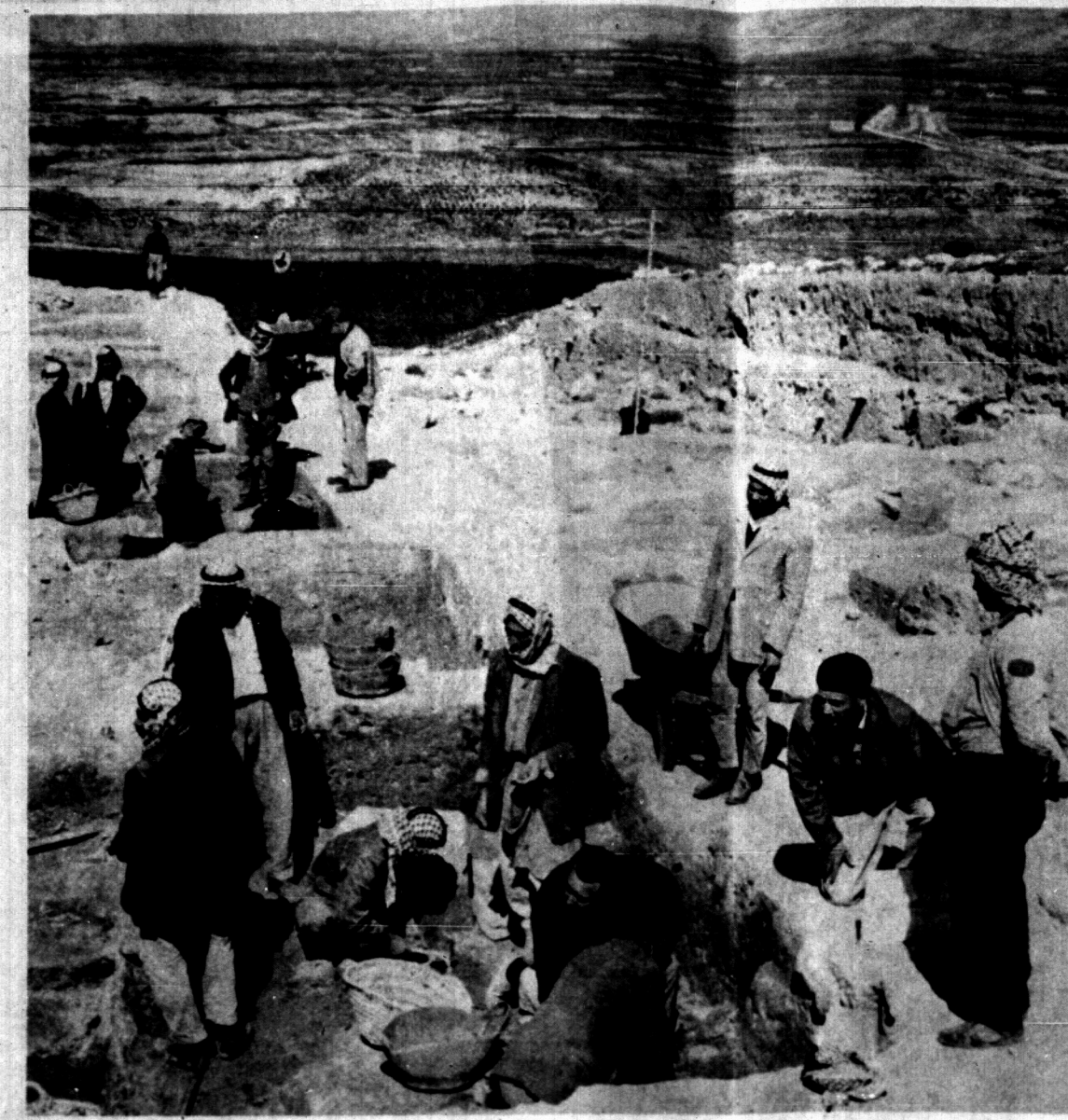
The conference, the first of its kind to be held with representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention and all branches of American Judaism and Jewry, will involve a select group of approximately 50 of the foremost Baptist and Jewish theologians and scholars in the United States.

The Southern Baptist Convention, with more than 11,000,000 members, is America's largest non-Catholic denomination. The American Jewish Committee has been a pioneer in advancing interreligious communication, with special reference to the role of religious education and its influence on prejudice.

The program coordinators for the conference are Dr. Glen Ingleheart, Northeastern Area Director for the Baptist Home Mission Board's Department of Work Related to Nonevangelicals; Rabbi A. James Rudin, AJC Assistant Director of Interreligious Affairs; and Dr. Gerald Strober, AJC Program Consultant on Religious Education Curriculum Studies.

100-Member Ohio Church Sponsors Five Missions

The following is taken from a recent letter of Rev. Ron Martin, pastor of Austintown Baptist Church, Warren, Ohio. This letter reveals a mission zeal seldom equaled by any church in the Southern Baptist Convention. The Austintown Church it-



ARCHAEOLOGISTS DISCOVER ANCIENT ZARETHAN

ZARETHAN, ancient city familiar in Solomon's day as a center for casting bronze, now yields its long-hidden knowledge of biblical times to a team of archeologists. Re-discovery of the city was featured

in a Radio-Television Commission film that was telecast nationally by NBC at 1:30 p.m. Eastern time, June 22

Messengers To Muslims Told To Be Servants

By Jehnni Johnson

Through a five-day meeting in Teheran, Southern Baptist missionaries to eleven countries in the Middle East focused attention upon the Christian message to Muslims and missionary methods used to communicate it. Much of the time was given to discussion of message and methods as individual missionaries and representatives of Missions (organizations of Southern Baptist missionaries in specific countries or other geographical entities) presented reports and shared information about developments in their particular places of work.

Conference guests included a Presbyterian missionary from the United States, now serving in Iran, and four Iranian Christians from Muslim backgrounds. The four Iranians—an Anglican bishop, an Anglican pastor, an Evangelical pastor also engaged in secular work, and a Pentecostal pastor—spoke about their views of Christian missions among Muslims.

Asked about his hope for the future of the Christian witness in the Middle East, Bishop H. B. Dehqani Tafti declared to foresee big results either in terms of victory or statistics.

"I can't have any wider or deeper or larger hope than my Lord," he declared. "Jesus Christ lived and loved patiently in the face of hate and suspicion and, seemingly, defeat. And I believe that unless we are ready to do exactly the same thing we will break."

The Evangelical, Rev. Mehdi Abhari, expressed his conviction that the Christian's task in his country is "to become a useful servant."

"Christian work among Muslims," Mr. Abhari said, "is part of the Christian mission to the whole world and to all men."

The conference, attended by missionaries serving 11 countries, did not make any official actions, but it did receive statements from two committees which functioned during the week: one on the Christian message to Muslims, and another on missionary methods for work among

self is a small group but it has within it a great mission zeal plus the Power of God.

"There have been two conversions recently at our East Liverpool Mission. Our laymen are faithful in going there each week to supply until

we find a pastor (we think we have one, so keep praying for us).

"Bob and Mrs. Phillips continue to lead Emmanuel, our No. 2 mission, in steady growth. They are having decisions right along. They still need a permanent place to meet.

Children's Village Reunion August 9

The Baptist Children's Village reunion will be the second Saturday August, — August 9. The meeting will begin at 9 a. m. at the Village Jackson.

Those who plan to attend are asked to call or write Mr. Paul Nunnery, superintendent, Baptist Children's Village, Box A, Delta Station, Jackson, Miss. 39213 or Richard A. Hill, 107 Ellis Avenue, Jackson, Miss. 39209.

The reunion includes all who previously lived at Children's Village. Last year nine states were represented. With ample room in the new chapel this year, a good attendance is expected.

Brandon Concert

July 27, at 7:30 p. m. First, Brandon, will present Miss Kathleen Roberts in concert. Miss Roberts, for the past few years has been living in Zurich, Switzerland and studied at the International Opera Center. She has just finished her first full year's contract with one of the leading opera companies of Europe. From 1966-1968 she had more than forty concerts and solo roles in oratorios performed in Switzerland and Germany.

Miss Roberts was reared in Jackson and graduated from Mississippi College. She received a Master of Music Degree in voice from Texas Christian University. She received a Rockefeller Fund for Music Grant for study of operatic and concert repertoire in Europe.

Besides her many roles in Oratorios she has participated in many areas of religious activities. She was a member of the Baptist Hour Choir, 1963-64. In Europe she was soloist at many Baptist meetings including the United Europe Foreign Missionary Conference, and other major conferences at the Europe Baptist Seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland, and was featured guest soloist at Baptist-sponsored concerts in the Ruhr Valley area of Germany.

A youth revival begins at Brandon, July 27. (See "Revival Dates.")

The willingness of Roman Catholics to follow, almost blindly, some practices and teachings of Roman Catholicism which were of secondary importance while yet reserving the right to reject the Church's evangelical exhortation to feed the hungry and clothe the naked obviously indicate the type of distorted values which has marked Roman Catholicism.—Phillip Scharper in "Meet the American Catholic," Broadman Press.

Speaks In Missouri

Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Department of Cooperative Missions, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was on program during the Pastor's Conference held June 26-28 at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri. He is pictured at left, above, with Dr. Ray Summers.

Summit Calls Pastor

The new pastor at First Church, Summit is Rev. Larry W. Fields. He is the former pastor of Tangipahoa Church in Amite County.

Son of Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Fields of Ferriday, La., he is a native of that city. He received his B. A. degree

from Louisiana College and is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary, where he received his Th. M. degree. He held pastorates at Mt. Herman Church, Walters, La., and Lakeshore Church, Ferriday before going to Tangipahoa in March, 1968.

He is married to the former Sandy Walker of Waterproof, La., graduate of Northwestern La. State College with a B. S. and R. N. in nursing.

New Pastor Arrives— Almost 19 Months Late

It took Rev. Fahad Karmout almost 19 months to reach the Jerusalem church that called him as pastor, but when he and his family crossed the Allenby Bridge over the Jordan River on December 31, 1968, the job was still waiting for him.

He was preparing to go to Jerusalem from his home in Irbid, Jordan, on June 5, 1967, when Arab-Israeli hostilities broke out in what has become known as the six-day war. With travel curtailed and almost no communications between the people of the two hostile countries, Mr. Karmout waited many months for proper papers and a visa.

During these months Rev. Ishaq Jameel filled in for him at the East Jerusalem Baptist Church and its two hostile countries, Mr. Karmout continued to pastor a congregation in Irbid.

His papers at last approved, Mr. and Mrs. Karmout and their four sons gathered their household belongings and made the long-delayed journey. He assumed his new duties in January.

Both Mr. Karmout and Mr. Jameel were honored at a reception in February at the Baptist House, Jerusalem. Flowing words of Arabic mingled with sounds of Hebrew and English as the guests arrived from churches in the Jerusalem area and from Gaza.

Baptist leaders from both Israel and Gaza, as well as an official representative from Israel's Ministry of Religious Affairs, also attended. Dr. Robert L. Lindsey, chairman of the Baptist Convention in Israel, welcomed the guests of honor.

For Mr. Karmout the welcome marked the beginning of a new ministry in the land of his birth. Born in Ramle, in what was then called Palestine, he professed faith in Christ and was baptized as a youth. After his family left their hometown at the end of 1947, finally settling in Jordan, he made his way to Bahrain, an island in the Persian Gulf, to work as a mechanic.

Learning of his skill and of his Christian witness, the Presbyterian mission hospital in Bahrain employed him as a mechanic and as a lay minister to share the gospel in the wards. He also traveled with the medical staff to Saudi Arabia to set up clinics. As the doctors and nurses cared for the physical ailments of the patients, he shared the good news of Christ.

Later he worked at the Baptist Hospital in Ajloun, Jordan, with his ministry extending into nearby towns and villages. Feeling the need for further training, he entered the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1960. After completing his studies there he went to work in the Jerusalem-Ramallah area until he and his family moved to Irbid in 1964.

His witness in Jerusalem during the short period was effective, and one of his converts later helped to keep the Ramallah congregation a growing, vital fellowship after the 1967 war.

"I feel the need of this country, my birthplace," he said upon his return to Israel.

Dr. J. E. Wills Reaches Ninety

By J. H. Street

Dr. J. E. Wills, resident of Newton for forty years, reached his ninety birthday on July 2. He came to Newton as pastor of First Baptist Church in 1929 and was pastor of the church for five years. After resigning in 1935, he taught a number of subjects in Clarke College, concluding his connection with Clarke in 1943. He then served part time churches in Jasper and Clarke Counties until retirement. When he came to Newton, the house in which the Wills now live was the pastor's home. Later First Baptist provided another house for a parsonage, and Dr. Wills bought the home where they have lived continuously since 1929.

James Edward Wills ("Ed") to Mrs. Wills was born in Lincoln County, on July 2, 1879. He was baptized into the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, near Brookhaven, at 14. His ordination to the gospel ministry came at the age of 19. Rev. L. D. Posey was pastor of the church; and the Rev. E. P. Douglas assisted in the ordination.

College work was at Mississippi College, from which institution he was graduated in 1904. Further education was received in the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky.; the Master of Theology was awarded him in 1908. At that time, Rev. J. B. Leavell, of the famous Leavell family of Oxford, had decided to take a leave from his position of pastor of the First Baptist Church, McComb; and Dr. Wills was asked to serve in his absence. He was at McComb one year.

While still in college, he attended a meeting of the Student Volunteer Movement in Toronto, Canada. Here he was greatly impressed with the cause of foreign missions. While he was in the midst of his seminary



Dr. and Mrs. Wills

course, he felt compelled to make a decision between "becoming a big preacher" and an inner urge to become a foreign missionary. "One afternoon" recalls Dr. Wills, "I told my roommate (Luther Holcomb, of Mississippi) that I was going alone to a park in Louisville and would settle the matter before I returned." As Dr. Wills phrases it, "I dug a hole in the ground that afternoon and buried all my selfish personal ambitions, and I have never returned to them since."

In 1909 Dr. Wills, still single, went to China as a missionary under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He served in the Shanghai area in evangelistic work for five years. For health reasons, he found it necessary to return to the States in 1913, going to Tucumcari, N. M. on account of the climate. Improving rapidly, he became supply minister for the Tucumcari Baptist Church. It so happened that a charming young

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tutional amendment "overriding the decision of the court" without the support of the church leaders in the country.

The unusual "Prayer Day" rally was promoted by Reps. Thomas J. Meskill (R., Conn.) and John H. Dent (D., Pa.). Pennsylvania is one of the states where some school districts have ordered reinstitution of Bible readings and prayers in defiance of the court's ruling against government-sponsored religious devotions.

The 74 speeches ranged from expressions of belief in prayer and dependence on God to expressing the fear that the Supreme Court's decision would result in "the divorce of God" from the nation's public life. Many of the messages amounted to statements praising "the faith of our fathers" and patriotism, and condemning secularization in society.

The tensions between these Congressional Representatives and the Supreme Court were expressed in charges that the court had brought on "secularization" and had "ruled God out" of public life.

Great emotion was expressed over the concern that the court would someday rule that the eight-inch plaque with the words "In God We Trust" would have to come down from behind the speaker's rostrum in the House of Representatives. This plaque was placed there in 1962 following the court's historic ruling on school prayers.

Many, if not most of the speakers, assumed that if a person is "for" prayer then he must also be for "prayer amendment" to the Constitution. How "God" or "prayer" are regulated by the Constitution was not explained.

Several of the Congressmen admitted that teaching religion belongs in the home and the church, but they felt that the public school authorities should "continue this training when our children are away."

Most of the spokesmen who asked for an official role in religion for public school officials ordinarily would resist expanding the role of government.

Only about 80 bills have been introduced in the House asking to "clarify" or reverse the court's decision. In the 1963-64 session, there were 149 proposals. This comparison may indicate that the prayer amendment issue is a dying one.

The Southern Baptist Convention has repeatedly stated its endorsement of the court's decision to restrain public officials from using their public office to promote religious experiences, and its confidence in the adequacy of the Constitution's First Amendment to guarantee religious freedom.

At the recent Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, messengers to the convention approved a resolution urging all agencies "to study carefully the contemporary applications of the First Amendment in the situations they face."

lady by the name of Sophia Lee Stark, daughter of an itinerant construction engineer living there, was pianist for the church which Dr. Wills was serving. Soon it was a matter of "two minds with but a single thought, two hearts that beat as one"; and the wedding was on November 19, 1914.

The young missionary soon returned to China, this time with "Sophy" at his side. But health began to fail again and after one year the couple came back to the Lincoln County home, where recovery came again. From 1917 to 1921, Dr. Wills was pastor of the Louisville Baptist Church. Leaving Louisville and going to Hattiesburg, he was pastor of the Main Street Church for nine years. From Hattiesburg, he came to Newton.

There are five children. J. E. who holds the Ph.D. degree, teaches physics in Asheville - Biltmore College, now a branch of the University of N. C. John William teaches English-Speech in Long Beach State College, California. Joe graduated from Clarke College, lives with the parents. (Dr. Wills says, "I don't know what we would do without him") Robert and Mary are twins. She is Mrs. J. H. Smith, of Sardis; and Robert lives in Clinton and has a position with First National Bank in Jackson.

The health of both Dr. and Mrs. Wills is remarkable for their age.

Dr. Wills says that the high peaks in his life are: his marriage and having Mrs. Wills as wife and mother of the children, his missionary service in China, and the privilege in 1924 of having the world renowned Greek scholar, Dr. A. T. Robertson, of Louisville, Ky. with him in a revival at Main Street Church, Hattiesburg.

A friend characterizes him: "Gentle and gracious in manner, devoutly spiritual, rich in knowledge of the Bible, unpretentious and conversational in pulpit delivery, magnetic in personality, dedicated in pastoral ministries."

SBC Educators Told Schools Face Restrictions On Expelled Students

WACO, Tex. (BP)—Private schools will soon face the same limitations being placed on state-owned institutions in regard to ousting students for actions contrary to school rules, Southern Baptist educators were told here.

During the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, Vanderbilt University Law Instructor James L. Neal cited increasing limitations being placed on state schools by the courts on such grounds as freedom of speech, and "due process" of law.

The Nashville teacher predicted that Baptist schools "more and more" will have to face rulings on the university's right to deal with students "whose action is interpreted as unbecoming to the school."

"If the rules don't fall within the

(Bill of) Rights' limitations accepted by the court, they will be declared illegal," Neal said.

Neal said that the court rulings now apply to state-owned universities, which must discipline students within the bounds of the court's interpretation of the Bill of Rights, and the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which says that the state cannot deprive a citizen of constitutional rights without due process of law.

The former assistant to the late U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy added, however, that a recent court case involving a Roman Catholic school ended with a ruling that the school had the right to enforce Roman Catholic standards on its students, and that by inference this ruling could be applied to all other denominational schools.

Neal warned, that the limitations

might be imposed by the courts on basis of such grounds as freedom of speech, tax exemption, grants for research, or because private schools are a public service.

"It seems to me that you had better get ready for the due process" rulings, Neal told the 85 presidents and other administrators attending the meeting.

Earlier during the two-day session, the director of the western region of the American Association of University Professors, Richard H. Peairs, told the Baptist educators students are insisting that the higher education establishment give prompt answers to at least four essential questions.

He identified the four questions as "Who will become a student? What will he be taught? Who will teach him? and Where will he be taught and learn?"

In providing adequate answers, America's colleges and universities today are required if they are to cope with these challenges successfully, to examine each and every dimension of their program, its problems and its prospects, he said.

"Facilities and administrations must jointly inquire into the nature of the academic freedom and professional behavior of student and teacher as it is exercised on their campus, so that its groundrules will be understood and supported," Dr. Peairs said.

In another major speech, the pastor of First Baptist Church in Midland, Tex., L. L. Morris, said that the little red school house of the past has been replaced by the multi-media classroom, and that spitballs made by young boys today seem to be fashioned in the shape of rockets.

Morris said that while there was a time when the eyes of the world were on the clergy, the men of law, the men of business and industry, and the men of science, today the eyes of the world are on education.

"It is not an easy task and it is not an easy task to be in the field of education," Morris said. "But no field of endeavor promises so much."

Morris said that by 1975, all human knowledge will double every 2 1/2 months. He observed that there will be a teacher shortage in 1975 even if every May, 1969 college graduate went into the field of education.

He urged Baptist educators to provide the proper motivation for the student, saying that Christian education furnishes the motivation for life at its best. "Christian institutions of higher learning can furnish what this world needs — education that will allow not only making a living in this world, but a life in the world to come."

During business sessions, the association elected as its president James Ralph Scales, president of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C. Elected vice president was L. A. Foster, president of Hannibal-La-Grange Baptist College, Hannibal, Mo., and re-elected secretary-treasurer was H. I. Hester, retired Baptist educator now living in Liberty, Mo.

Great abundance of riches cannot be gathered and kept by any man without sin.—Erasmus

Abundance kills more than hunger.—German Proverb



Nationwide Bible Conference To Be Held In 1971

NASHVILLE — The first meeting of an advisory group for the first nationwide Bible Conference, to be held March 15-18, 1971, at the Dallas Convention Center, was held recently at the Sunday School Board. The conference has as its purpose: "To magnify the Bible as God's revelation to man, declaring its message to meet man's need for redemption, and searching for guidance in meeting today's issues for persons of all ages." Nine members of the 24-member advisory group are, clockwise: R. L. Bacon, association missionary, Dallas Association; J. Ralph Mc-

Intyre, pastor, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Ray Summers, professor of religion, Baylor University; Robert Bingham, minister of education, Welica Road Church, Atlanta; Frank G. Voigt, Sunday School secretary, Baptist General Convention of Virginia; Earl O. Harding, executive secretary, Missouri Convention; Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor, First Church, Oklahoma City; A. V. Washburn, secretary, Sunday School department, Sunday School Board; James E. Frost, Sunday School secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas.—BSSB Photo.

NEWS BRIEFS

Baptists Hold Large Meeting In Zurich

The largest Baptist meeting in Zurich, Switzerland, for at least 30 years took place during the 1969 assembly of the Swiss Baptist Union. More than 1,100 worshippers attended Sunday services during the assembly, when the auditorium of Fraumunster Church was used.

Fraumunster is one of the leading congregations of the official Reformed Church in the city of Zurich. Its building is located in the heart of the city.

Claus Meister, Ruschlikon, president of the Swiss Baptist Union, described it as the largest Baptist meeting in Zurich since the Baptist Youth World Conference met in Zurich in 1937. Many of the 1,100 in attendance were members of Fraumunster or other non-Baptist churches.—(EBPS)

Portuguese Baptists Buy Campground

After six years of operating camps at rented or borrowed facilities, Portuguese Baptists have camp property of their own.

In a simple yet significant ceremony, keys to the newly bought camp site were turned over to Daniel E. Machado of Coimbra, president of the Portuguese Baptist Convention. In turn, Machado gave them to John M. Herndon, Porto, newly elected director of camp development.

Two officials of Camara District were present at the ceremony. They promised to cooperate with Baptists in developing the camp.

The 5-acre tract is located in a beautiful pine grove about two kilometers from the Atlantic Ocean. The site is in central Portugal.—(EBPS)

Missionaries Raise Rabbits For Protein

At the unique request of a Southern Baptist missionary, 15 rabbits were shipped to Rhodesia by members of First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Tenn.

"Many children in Rhodesia suffer from malnutrition due to protein deficiency," wrote Rev. Gerald S. Harvey, of Salisbury, to his former classmate, Rev. Alfred T. Royer, pastor of the Shelbyville congregation. "Rabbits will help correct this. But the California breed of rabbits in Rhodesia has run out."

Dr. Frances Greenway, missionary physician at the Baptist hospital located on the Sanyati Reserve in Rhodesia, received some of the rabbits. She and Mr. Harvey are working together on the project.

Hindu Militant Launches Campaign to 'Reclaim' Converts To Christianity

NAGPUR, India (RNS)—A militant Hindu leader announced plans here for organizing "a batch of full-time workers" to win back Hindus converted to Christianity.

Addressing the All-India Hindu Mahasabha at its 52nd annual session, Brij Narayan Brahesh, president, declared that conversions to the Christian faith had reached "staggering proportions" in some places and the central government had failed to face the problem.

He said that between 1951 and 1961, the number of converts to Christianity had increased by 132 per cent in Madhya Pradesh State, by 122 per cent in Manipur, 100 per cent in Rajasthan, 99 per cent in Tripura, and 89 per cent in Andaman-Nicobar.

In one area — Sikkim, an Indian protectorate in the Himalayas — there had been an increase of 825 per cent in conversions to Christianity during the ten-year period, Mr. Brahesh added.

He announced that the Mahasabha would raise a special "reconversion and reclamation" fund to carry on the work of winning back "those Hindus who have been forcibly or deceitfully converted to Christianity."

Names In The News

Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, will teach the Book of James at Eagle Eyrie, Virginia Baptist Assembly, July 21 - 25. He has prepared a lengthy outline with teaching notes which can be secured by mailing one dollar to the Ridgecrest Baptist Church. Dr. Kelly's book, entitled James: A Practical Primer for Christian Living, will be released by the publisher in early November.

Rev. and Mrs. G. Clayton Bond, missionaries, have completed furlough in the States and returned to Togo (address: BP 1353, Lome, Togo). Born in Vernon Parish, La., Mr. Bond lived in several Louisiana and Texas towns as a boy. Mrs. Bond, the former Helen Terry, was born in Stearns, Ky., and lived in Freeport, Tex., and Port Sulphur, La., while growing up. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958, he was pastor of South Columbia Baptist Church and she a secretary to the principal of a public high school in Columbia, Miss.

Seminary Graduate
David Sydney Doty, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Doty of Forest, and graduate of Baylor University, received the master of church music degree from Southwestern Seminary on July 18.

Rev. Stan Huntley is available for supply preaching, or possibly as pastor of a part-time church. He will be a senior at Mississippi College this fall. Born in Oklahoma, he graduated from Southern Baptist College in Arkansas, and was ordained by First Church, Knobel, Arkansas, where he was pastor. He is married to the former Brenda Kay White of Cherry Valley, Ark., and has a daughter, Cheryl Lynn, age three months. His address is Route 2, Box 53, Jackson, Miss. 39209. (He may be contacted by phone — 924-7601—between 7:30 and 10 p. m. or 7 and 10 a. m.)

Arkadelphia Calls Pastor
Rev. James E. Watts has recently accepted the call to Arkadelphia Church, Bailey, coming from Bethel Church, Rayville, La. He and his family were welcomed by a pantry shower and covered dish supper at the church.
A native of Brookhaven, Mr. Watts attended Clarke College, received the B. A. degree from William Carey College, and the B. D. from New Orleans Seminary. He was pastor of several churches in Mississippi before going to Louisiana.
On Saturday, July 19, the church sponsored a picnic supper honoring the new pastor.

Summer Missionary
Susan G. Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris J. Rogers of Walnut Grove, is now serving as summer missionary in California, with the Home Mission Board. She is working with Vacation Bible Schools in Mid-Valley Southern Baptist Association in the Fresno, California area for ten weeks. Miss Rogers is a member of Walnut Grove Church, Leake County. A junior at Mississippi College, majoring in sociology, she is an active member of BSU and the BSU Vesper Choir.

Ordained At Poplar Springs
Poplar Springs Church, Simpson County, ordained Rev. James L. Layton on Sunday, July 6, to the gospel ministry. Taking part in the service were Rev. J. L. Rasberry, pastor; Rev. Harold Douglas; Rev. E. A. Hester; Rev. Drew Blanton; Dr. R. A. Tullos; with special music by Ken Harmon.
Mr. Layton, a lifetime member of the Poplar Springs Church, is presently serving as interim pastor. He is a graduate of Mendenhall High School and plans to attend William Carey College. He is married to the former Doris Hilton of Mendenhall and they have two children, Winnie Nanette 4 1/2 and James Christopher, 7 months. He is

Alabama Associate Named To S. C. Post

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP) — The church training department of the South Carolina Baptist Convention has named an Alabama church training associate to a similar position in his native state of South Carolina.

Alfred A. Price Jr., will join the South Carolina convention effective July 1, returning to his home state after serving for five years in that Alabama Baptist Convention office, Montgomery.

A nickel isn't supposed to be as good as a dollar, but it goes to church more often.

Generally speaking, a Communist is a person who has given up hope of becoming a Capitalist.

Santiago Area Crusade Brings 1,380 Decisions

Twenty-nine Baptist churches in the Santiago, Chile, area registered 1,380 responses to preaching during the week of the Americas evangelistic services. Of the total, 786 were professions of faith in Christ, reports Southern Baptist Missionary John A. Parker.

Evangelists from Chile, Argentina, and Venezuela joined with Southern Baptist missionaries in the crusade services.

The Santiago area, or central association of Baptist churches, is one of five associations in Chile where preaching weeks are planned as part of the hemispheric evangelistic campaign.

"Judging from the results in this one area," Mr. Parker says, "we anticipate about 6,000 decisions in all of Chile, including about 3,000 professions of faith."

Membership in 108 Baptist churches and 201 missions in Chile was 10,636 when the last annual report was compiled.)

Missionary Evan F. Holmes, secretary of evangelism for the Chilean Baptist Convention, preached in a tent set up on a large lot belonging to one of the Santiago missions. Recorded music and films helped attract boys from a sporting club. The youths asked the missionary to show a film in their club. They also continued to attend services in the tent. After one boy responded to the invitation to accept Christ as Saviour, 34 others went forward. In all, 88 professions of faith were reported.

Soon after the campaign closed on April 27, pastors and missionaries met to discuss results. They expressed gratitude for the way in which the crusade was advertised over radio, in newspapers, and on the streets. Offerings from Southern Baptists made possible much of the publicity, Mr. Parker points out.

Dr. Slater A. Murphy, Sr. on July 3 celebrated his 27th anniversary as pastor of Highland Heights Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Betty Jane Hunt, missionary to Korea, is scheduled to arrive in the States on August 4 for furlough (address: c/o Mrs. Harry F. Poe, Rte. 1, Box 76, Hilltop Rd., Adamsville, Ala., 36005). A native of Tarrant, Ala., Miss Hunt was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957. She was formerly on the staff of First Church, Grenada, Miss.

Rev. Archie Ezell, pastor of Friendship Church, Adams County, has resigned to accept a call to Bunkley Church, Franklin County. During the four years he was pastor at Friendship, the church experienced continuous growth. There were 42 new members for baptism, 39 by letter, and five on statement. Also the church paid off a former debt, installed a new roof on the building, painted the auditorium, carpeted the floor, and established a library.

Mission Couples Needed For French West Africa

At least 11 couples are needed to strengthen existing Southern Baptist work in West Africa and to enter two more countries, according to reports presented at the second conference of Southern Baptist missionaries to French-speaking nations of West Africa, held recently in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

A survey team recommended that Southern Baptists begin work in Dahomey immediately and in Upper Volta as soon as the work in Dahomey has been sufficiently staffed.

Missionary D. Edwin Pinkston, of

Abidjan, a member of the team, said about 200 Protestant missionaries are now working among a population of more than 10,000,000 in Upper Volta, Niger, and Dahomey, all former French colonies. He noted that combined Protestant church affiliation in the three countries is about 70,000.

Others on the survey team were Rev. Billy L. Bullington, missionary in Lome, Togo, and Arnold Nuckles, Jr., missionary journeyman then teaching Bible on a secondary level in Abidjan, now teaching in Ricks Institute, Monrovia, Liberia.

Missionaries assigned to Togo, Ivory Coast, and Senegal attended the conference, along with Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Africa, Rev. Jack D. Hancock, missionary from Paris, France, and Dr. Milton E. Cunningham, Jr., of Lusaka, Zambia, Southern Baptist missionary radio and television representative for Africa.

Reports from Togo and Ivory Coast reflected increase in baptisms, progress in pastoral training, and involvement of converts in Christian service. Missionary Morris G. Pruitt, of Togo, said many people in the villages near the capital of Lome, where he is stationed, have expressed a desire to know Christ and have enrolled in inquirers' classes.

The first Southern Baptist missionaries to reside in French-speaking West Africa arrived in Togo in 1904. Almost two years later a couple arrived in Ivory Coast.

Dr. and Mrs. Farrell E. Runyan, Southern Baptist missionaries now studying French in France, plan to begin work in Senegal's capital of Dakar. Rev. and Mrs. W. Neville Claxon, now on furlough in Louisville, Ky., were transferred by the Foreign Mission Board from Nigeria to Dahomey. They will also study language in France. The couples will begin their new assignments if permission to live and work in Senegal and Dahomey can be obtained from the respective governments.

Paraguay Meetings Bring 633 Professions of Faith

Simultaneous meetings in 15 Baptist churches in the area of Asuncion, capital of Paraguay, and three nights of joint services in a downtown stadium resulted in professions of faith in Christ by 633 people, reports Mrs. Wilbur C. Lewis, Southern Baptist missionary.

The Easter season evangelistic effort was the first phase of Paraguay Baptists' participation in the Crusade of the Americas. A similar series of meetings will take place in the interior of the country in September.

Despite two weeks of rain at the time of the simultaneous meetings in the 15 area churches, an average of 1,200 people attended each night. (Membership in area Baptist churches is about 1,000, Mrs. Lewis says.) An estimated 4,500 people attended the joint services in the stadium, where Pastor Guillermo Milovan spoke, and an 80-voice choir presented music.

Visiting pastors from Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay joined Paraguayan pastors as preachers for the simultaneous services. During the campaign the pastors and participating Southern Baptist missionaries visited General Alfredo Stroessner, president of Paraguay, in his office at the government palace, and gave him a Crusade of the Americas emblem made of nanduti (Paraguayan spider lace), framed with an inscription from Baptists of Paraguay.

Radio and television publicity and wide distribution of literature preceded

the evangelistic meetings. More than 100 prayer groups met in homes, and 46 open-air meetings were held. (Such outdoor meetings have not been permitted in Paraguay for some time, Mrs. Lewis says.)

The Crusade theme, "Christ, the Only Hope," was displayed on signs in many places and painted on rocks along highways by Baptist young people. In the capital area 42,000 copies of parts of the Gospel of John, 25,000 copies of a leaflet titled "Christ, the Only Hope," and 14,000 copies of other tracts were distributed.

Baptists paraded through downtown Asuncion the week before the meetings. A press conference at the Baptist hospital in the city was attended by 12 representatives of press and television. Their coverage and reporting was good throughout the meetings, Mrs. Lewis notes. "Times and attitudes have changed," she says, recalling that seven years ago the press boycotted Billy Graham's press conference.

Pastor Jose Missana, Crusade coordinator for Paraguay, said the evangelistic effort had brought the spirit of Baptists to the attention of news media, national authorities, and the public. It also brought a reawakening of Baptists themselves, with an image of people on the march replacing that of a timid and fearful minority, he said, plus a harvest of many souls for Christ and a change in outlook for the future.

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The Sex Revolution

America appears to be in the midst of a sex revolution. Time Magazine, in its cover story in a recent issue, calls it "The Sex Explosion." An explosion it is, and it is rather difficult for the average Christian to realize what is happening, as the nation, or at least a large part of it, seems to be sinking into the muck of godless sexual practice and emphasis.

Nudity, raw sex, and sex perversion, seem to have become the most popular theme for the theatre, the motion picture, television programming, magazines and books!

Sex or sex perversion have been the theme of many of the Broadway and off-Broadway plays of recent seasons. Much publicity is being given to one production now being presented "off-Broadway" in which a number of the characters appear on the stage in the nude. Perhaps it is this same play where actual sex acts are depicted on the stage. In one widely publicized play, the actors invite the audience to strip and participate, and according to reports, some do.

Few family type motion pictures now are being produced, and one has only to read the motion picture ads in the newspapers, to see that the producers and the theatres seem to be vying with one another to see which can produce the rawest, sexiest pictures.

It is reported that these themes are openly piped into the homes by television in England and Europe, and one has only to watch television here regularly, to believe that America cannot be very far behind them.

These themes are found not only in the "art," "male," and "sex" magazines which long have been taboo to most people, but now enjoy an amazing popularity. They also are being featured in today's most popular women's and general reading magazines. A recent issue of National Observer discusses the startling way that sex is now being featured in popular "women's" magazines.

Many of the "best sellers" in modern books, are filled with sex and obscenity, and, often, the more objectionable the material the more popular they are.

All of this is being reflected in the demands being made by a segment of modern youth, for complete freedom in "sex," and for the right to pre-marital sex, intermingling in college dormitories, and the acceptance of the "new morality" as the basis for judging what is right or wrong. Moreover, there appear to be even more adults, demanding or practicing a similar "freedom." Strangely, even some who call themselves "preachers" or "religious leaders" are defending such practices.

Right thinking people are sickened by these things, and wonder how long God can allow this nation to continue to stand, when such conditions exist. Surely, they feel, Sodom and Gomorrah, could not have been worse, and even the wildest orgies of Greece or Rome could not have been far ahead of what is happening now.

How long will God withhold judgment upon a nation which is moving in such a direction? It would seem that the moral decay which has set in will destroy us, even if God should keep hands off. Perhaps, He simply will allow us to destroy ourselves.

There is nothing wrong with sex when it is used as God gave it, in the sanctity of the marriage relationship. Here it is holy and blessed, and the means of enrichment of the life and love of the husband and wife, as well as the continuance of the race. In any other use it utterly is condemned of God.

The seventh commandment says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," and Jesus made this commandment even stronger when he condemned even looking after another lustfully. Both Jesus, and other New Testament writers, in their use of the word adultery, fornication and other such words, made it very clear that all sexual deviation is disapproved and condemned.

In Revelation 21:8 we are told that "whoremongers" (fornicators) shall "have their part in the lake of fire, which is the second death."

In Galatians 5:19, 21 we read "The works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication. . . Of the which I tell you before, as I also have told you in times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

These are just a few of the scripture passages on the subject. The condemnation of God is very clear. Those who follow modern sex practices, are going to hell, unless they repent and are saved.

What can Christians do in such an hour? We can condemn such things with clear and unmistakable opposition. We can voice our opposition through letters, through personal calls or conversations, and through refusing to patronize those institutions which promote such. We can refuse to read the magazines and books which carry such filth, and we can protest to the publishers. We know of some fine Baptist Missisippians who walked out of a Mississippi theatre, protesting to the management concerning the play which was being given there. We can shut off objectionable television programs, and join others in writing protests to the stations and net works. We can praise and patronize those groups and institutions which provide clean, family type entertainment. We can demand responsibility and cleanliness in the things we see or hear or read.

At the same time parents and churches must join with other responsible agencies in providing the right type of teaching for our youth, so that they will not be caught in the snares of this modern sex-mad society. It will not be easy for us to provide the necessary programs to offset the avalanche of filth being thrown at us, but we must not fail. To do so can only mean a nation and a generation sinking deeper in a Godless mire.

New Sacred Records

THE TRAVELING TALLEYS — Word — W-3425-LP.

Unusual instrumental record that will delight the lover of great religious music. Instruments include the Trombone, Banjo, Accordion, Trumpet, Flute, Guitar and Ukuleles, and the organ and piano. Hymns such as Battle Hymn of the Republic, Power in the Blood, Heaven Came Down, Wonderful Grace of Jesus, Face to Face, and other beloved numbers are included.

THE CHALLENGE — ADDICTS CHOIR (Word W-3443-LP)

"The most unusual choir you have ever heard" is the way this album is advertised. Here are 30 converted drug addicts and delinquents singing the praises of God. They are presented by the Teen Challenge group. The songs include old numbers, but also some new ones which give a testimony of Christ, and an appeal for those needing his help.

THERE'S MORE TO LIFE—THE CONTINENTAL SINGERS (Word, W-3444-LP)

A widely traveled choral group, led by Ralph Carmichael, presents treasured arrangements of Christian songs old and new. Included are some old numbers, and some numbers which appeal to youth.

REVIVALTIME CHOIR — ANNIVERSARY ALBUM (Word W-3442-LP)

This is the 15th Anniversary Album of the Choir of the international radio program of the Assemblies of God, "Revivaltime." The choir of mixed voices blends in beautiful harmony on some of the great old hymns, as well as some newer ones. Here is "There's A New Song In My Heart, Wonderful Grace of Jesus, Near to the Heart of God, I'll Tell the World, and numerous others that will delight the lover of great choir music.

Baptist Center Opens In Mirpur, Pakistan

A Baptist social welfare center opened in Mirpur, in East Pakistan, on May 29. At its opening ceremony, attended by staff members and friends, including some local civic leaders, the center was dedicated to community service, reports Mrs. J. Howard Teel, Southern Baptist missionary.

Currently the facilities provide libraries for men and women and an immunization program for families. The organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Pakistan and the East Pakistan Baptist Union, cosponsors of the center, plan for it to offer, in addition, correspondence schools, educational movies, and community health classes.

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Man—Highest of God's Creation



"WHEN I LOOK INTO THE NIGHT SKIES AND SEE THE WORK OF YOUR FINGERS — THE MOON AND STARS YOU HAVE MADE — I CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN BOTHER WITH ME. PUNY MAN, TO PAY ANY ATTENTION TO HIM! AND YET YOU HAVE."
— Psa. 8:3-5 (TAYLOR'S LIVING PSALMS)

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Concerning Dr. Criswell Editorial

Dear Doctor Odle:

May I express my appreciation for your article in the Baptist Record about the wonderful Dr. W. A. Criswell and his scholarly writing. . . I agree with you 100%. I believe him to be our greatest scholar who is writing for us today.

Blessing upon you dear people whom I love of Ole Mississippi. Our church is doing very well in these days of falling away. I preach to a full church most every Sunday morning, and have good night crowds.

Sincerely yours in Him,
Earl C. Edwards
Calvary Baptist Church
Harrisburg, Arkansas

A LIBERAL BROADMAN COMMENTARY?

Dear Dr. Odle,

Although I am relatively a newcomer to Mississippi and have only been receiving The Baptist Record for a short time, I would nevertheless like to congratulate you for your fine, conservative stance as evidenced in the excellent editorials.

Well, the Convention is over with for another year, and hundreds of Bible-believing folk have gone back



The militant minority may occupy the campus building and the headlines, but today's average college man attends classes, goes to church, and plans to get ahead just as his father did a quarter of a century ago. Not only are brick-wielding dissidents rare among today's college population, but most students say American society is "basically sound." Only 9 per cent of all students could be classed as "revolutionaries"—believing that existing institutions should be scrapped and replaced. So reports a nationwide survey of student and alumni attitudes conducted by Roper Research Associates and commissioned by Standard Oil Co. One conclusion of the Roper study:—Less than one-fourth of college students have smoked marijuana, and only 3 percent have tried LSD. About 46 percent would like to make marijuana legal and 7 percent favor legal sanctions for LSD. (Greenville Piedmont, 5-28-68)

There is a growing urgency in American demands for a better environment — clean water, air, and land. Experts know that every year the nation produces: (1) 1.3 billion tons of agricultural manure and refuse, some of which could be dangerous to health; (2) 1 billion tons of mining wastes; (3) 350 million tons of residential and industrial rubbish and sewage; and (4) 15 million tons of scrapped autos. In addition, automobiles, power plants, factories and residential heating units belch more than 142 million tons of toxic matter into the air every year. Senator Henry M. Jackson (Dem.) of Washington, gives these cost estimates for pollution control for the next five years: 26 to 29 billion dollars to do an "acceptable" job of cleaning our streams, lakes, bays, and rivers; 12 to 15 billions for cleaner air in U. S. metropolitan areas; some 15 billions to dispose of solid wastes in a sanitary manner. (U. S. News & World Report; 6-9-68)

to their particular areas of service rejoicing over the fact that the Liberals with their "Anthropomorphic gospel" have been put in their proper place — but wait a minute, it may be that the Liberals will have the last laugh after all. Let me explain. Last week I received in the mail a sixteen-page booklet from the Sunday School Board announcing "a long-heralded event"—The Broadman Bible Commentary. On the Introductory page we find inscribed these noble words: "The Broadman Bible Commentary has as its mission: to help men know the truth of God as it is revealed in his word, that they may feel the heartbeat of his message in their lives in the modern-day world."

As I said, these are noble words. However, as one scans through this "paragon of Baptist learning," he soon finds all the old heresies — "Higher Criticism", J. E. D. P., Barthianism, etc. Observe a portion of "The Religious and Cultural Background of the New Testament by T. C. Smith."

"There are only two explicit affirmations of this teaching (the resurrection from the dead) in the Old Testament. One occurs in Isaiah 26:19. This is embedded in the LATE SECTION — (emphasis mine) according to the view of many scholars of the book of Isaiah, containing chapters 24-27, referred to as the Isaiah Apocalypse. THE DATE OF THIS SECTION IS ABOUT THE THIRD CENTURY B.C. (emphasis mine)

The learned Dr. Smith continues: "The other reference is Daniel 12:2. THIS COMES FROM A MAN OF FAITH IN THE MACCABEAN REVOLT." After commenting on the fact that "some scholars" (?) disregard the passage in Isaiah, Dr. Smith brings all his acumen in "higher criticism" to bear on the passage in Daniel.

"The author of Daniel faced the sufferings of the Jews under the persecuting hand of Antiochus Epiphanes and believed that those who were loyal to God would live again." Here again is another way of saying that the book of Daniel is a forgery written by an unknown Jew around 165 B.C., instead of the 6th Century B. C.

Another sample of "helping men to know the truth of God," is found in Dr. Roy L. Honeycutt's article on the "Means of Revelation" taken from the Commentary on Exodus.

"One is always tempted to objectify God in such a manner as to become guilty of idolatry. But the revelation of God is living and active, and often THERE IS A RADICAL DISCONTINUITY BETWEEN THE BREAK OF GOD AS LIVING WORD AND THE CONCRETIZED FORM OF PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDINGS OF HIS NATURE AND WILL. MANY MEN STILL CLING TO A MEDIUM OF REVELATION THAT IS MECHANICAL AND RIGID. TOO OFTEN, WE FEAR A WORD FROM GOD, A GOSPEL THAT IS LIKE NEW WINE, FERMENTING AND EXPANDING, DISCONTENT, AND UNABLE TO REMAIN IN OLD FORMS. WE WANT A WORD FROM GOD THAT IS STABILIZED SO THAT WE CAN HANDLE IT AND CONTROL IT. BUT WHEN THE WORD OF GOD CEASES TO BE LIVING, ACTIVE, FERMENTING IN THE HEAT OF ITS OWN MOVEMENT, AND AT TIMES BURSTING OLD WINESKINS OR TEARING NEW PATCHES OFF OLD GARMENTS, IT WILL NO LONGER BE GOD'S WORD BUT MAN'S WORD THAT WE CONFRONT."

Somewhere — Karl Barth would be proud of disciple Honeycutt! Stan Huntley Jackson



Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

Shades Of Human!

There are some chapters in the Bible which could be read frequently for the benefit they impart to the reader: the 7th Chapter of the Book of Esther, for instance. In that brief chapter there is the record of one of the most dramatic episodes in history. In that chapter Haman is plunged from the pinnacle of power to the disgrace of criminal execution—all within a strikingly brief time.

Haman, mind-poisoned by jealousy of Mordecai, kinsman of Queen Esther, had tricked the king into an edict which would have taken the lives of all of the Jews who worshipped God devoutly. Since Mordecai was a Jew, he would fall under the penalty; and, in satanic anticipation of his vengeance, Haman had constructed an impressive gallows on which to hang Mordecai. In Chapter 7 of the Book of Esther, all of Haman's hatred, deception, and malice—hypocritically clothed in purported loyalty to the king—was unmasked and turned upon him in a retribution scarcely matched in history for its appropriateness and suddenness: Haman was hanged on the very gallows which he had prepared for Mordecai!

Some salient warnings to all of us from that dramatic occurrence may be timely:

1. The point to which jealousy, envy, and covetousness can move an individual is amazing in its tragedy.

Words and deeds which the individual would normally never imagine as possible in his life can emanate from those emotions. A good heart-search for these "seeds" of tragedy in our individual lives now could prevent tragedy later.

2. Even if the Christian feels that he has been wronged greatly, he does not have the right to plan vengeance; for God's Word has reminded us: "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Romans 12:19)

3. What if the unworthy things we have thought, said, or tragically, planned against others should be revealed so as to be inflicted upon us?

4. Whatever we need to correct or make right in our lives toward other people should be done now, for we remember that the "turning up on Haman" of his own wicked designs occurred so suddenly that he had no time for correction or restitution.

Let's look for these "seeds of self-destruction" within our hearts today. . . . And it wouldn't be a bad idea to re-read Esther 7 every time we begin to feel resentments toward other people!

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NEWEST BOOKS

MEET THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC by Philip J. Scharper (Broadman, 151 pp., \$3.95)

The book is written by a prominent Roman Catholic layman, who does a very acceptable job in presenting a readable volume. It presents in clear, interesting style, some of the beliefs of Roman Catholicism, and also reveals some of the changes which have occurred and, apparently, still are occurring, in that religious group. The author says that he is removing some myths concerning some Roman Catholic beliefs, and clarifying others. However, he does not cover all Roman Catholic doctrine, and does not really probe into such problems as church state relationships, especially as it relates to tax funds for religious institutions. Moreover, the book does not have the "imprimatur" (official license or approval) of the Roman Catholic Church, and I am not sure that the "church" always would approve of what he has to say. However, the book is well written, and presents a fresh approach to Roman Catholicism. Our criticism is not of the author, nor of his thesis, but on the propriety of Broadman Press publishing such a book. On such doctrines as the plan of salvation, the church, the security of the believer, and almost any other tenet, this book presents views which are almost always directly contrary to what Baptists believe the Bible teaches. For example, this book says that children are "incorporated into Christ" by baptism (a Roman Catholic doctrine),

and reveals that Roman Catholics look upon the "Mass," much as evangelicals look upon "conversion" as a place where he "encounters" Christ. These doctrines are far from what Baptists believe and teach. Maybe a book like this needs to be written and published, but we seriously question whether Southern Baptists' publishing house should be publishing it and thus giving at least a tacit endorsement to it. We doubt that any "official" Roman Catholic publishing house will be publishing a book defending Baptist doctrine, nor do we expect them to do so. Of course, this is not the first such book to come from Broadman, since it published a book on the Jews (Meet the American Jew) which named the name of Jesus Christ only one time, and had not one word to say about the Jew needing to be saved. (Since the names are alike, are we to have a series? Will the next be "Meet the American Mormon"?) We cannot believe that the publication of such books was the purpose for the founding of Broadman, and we would hope that the recent action of Southern Baptists in New Orleans will cause the Sunday School board, seriously to reconsider its policies in book publishing. If the present trend continues, we can foresee a convention reaction concerning this. We do not recommend this book to our readers.

Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

July 28 — James B. McElroy, faculty, Clarke College; Dorman Laird, Baptist student director, Wm. Carey College.

July 29 — Gertrude Lippert, faculty, Mississippi College; Ralph Howell, faculty, Mississippi College.

July 30 — Gordon Shamburger, chaplain, Baptist Hospital; Alpha Humble, faculty, Gilroy School of Nursing.

July 31 — Fannie Havard, staff, Children's Village; Ervin Brown, Desoto County supt. of missions.

August 1 — John Alexander, Judd Allen, Lynda Ashley, Mrs. Agnes Batson, Baptist Building employees.

August 2 — Mrs. Jackie Aultman, faculty, Wm. Carey College; Ann McMillan, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

August 3 — Nell Lee, Baptist Book Store; Alex McKeigney, Education Commission.

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Deaconess Revolution Now Underway In Germany

By Theo Sommerkamp

Deaconesses at a large Baptist hospital in Western Germany are giving up the plain, ankle-length dress and special caps which have distinguished their way of life for over a century. Now they are switching to contemporary clothes of their own choosing.

The change in clothing is but the outward evidence of the revolution going on within the deaconess movement at Albertinen Krankenhaus, a hospital located in suburban Hamburg. Other changes are just as drastic.

The society, which originally was almost a Baptist "order" of unmarried women, is turning into an independent association of people—married or unmarried—employed in various Christian social welfare institutions. Even men will now be admitted, and they do not have to be nurses. They can occupy various jobs at the institution.

Deaconesses which have formerly received only "pocket money" now will receive a salary. Where they formerly lived together in a special "mother house" near the hospital, the admittance of married women and men into membership will make this style of living for all impossible.

Walter Fullbrant, administrator of Albertinen hospital and deaconess group, reported that all 70 deaconesses of the Albertinen society had voted for the changeover.

For some time, he explained, there has been a crisis in recruiting young deaconesses for this somewhat isolated existence. Although young women can apply to become deaconesses at 18 years of age, the average age of deaconesses in many instances today is over 50, noted Helmut Pohl, administrator of Tabea, another Baptist deaconess organization in Hamburg.

Visitors to some deaconess-operated institutions have remarked, "I have never seen a young deaconess there."

"In its development to the present time, deaconess work has been neither a religious 'order' nor an independent association," Fullbrant said. "It

has stood somewhere between the two."

He described the aims of the movement. It has been to offer unmarried women a place of service to God and man, in such a way that they attain equal status with married women. It has also intended to furnish its members with a community in which they could live together.

In recent years, women in the outside world have steadily gained more and more equality with men and personal freedom. The ankle-length dresses and distinctive headwear were modern attire of upper-class women when this dress for deaconesses was adopted decades ago. Hardly current fashion in miniskirted 1969!

The three basic "renunciations" of deaconesses have been eroding. These included renunciation of marriage, of personal property, and of personal independence.

Resignations of deaconesses wanting to marry are no longer quite so rare. "Only in very unusual cases have private property of those who en-

tered a deaconess house become part of the common property of the house, as would be true in a strict order for women," Fullbrant added.

Some personal independence has had to be granted as well, since some deaconesses have gone out in social welfare work unconnected with the deaconess group. They have also lived outside the "mother house." A few even serve overseas in mission-related work.

There are five Baptist deaconess societies staffing hospitals, rest homes, homes for the aged, homes for girls, and other welfare agencies in Western Germany. At the moment, women at the other four Baptist deaconess institutions are not directly involved by activities at Albertinen.

They are watching the changes closely. Some view Albertinen with envy, some with disgust at what they must consider "surrender." Others have mixed emotions.

Largest and oldest of the Baptist institutions, Bethel, has 300 women

and was established in 1887. It is situated in West Berlin. Because of its size, its crisis of womanpower may not be felt for a time, observers believe.

Tabea, second-largest with 200 women, was founded in 1899. Bethel and Tabea also operate hospitals. There are two smaller societies, one with 40 and the other with 20 women.

What steps at "modernization" these four other houses will take and when cannot be answered right now. Pohl, administrator at Tabea, agrees with the change of garments. "It will not bring in more young women, but it is justified on the basis of personal freedom," he said.

From the businessman's standpoint, the financial future of Albertinen Hospital will also be closely watched. When contemporary salaries are paid rather than just "pocket money," a revolution must occur in accounting too.

Pohl pointed out concerning Tabea society: "We already keep financial records as if our hospital paid salaries rather than 'pocket money' to the deaconesses. This makes a changeover possible. We operate the hospital as if it were a private business and not a charitable organization."

Deaconess societies in various Protestant denominations—established or free churches—may be found in Eastern Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Yugoslavia, and other countries. BRYANT M. CUMMINGS is director of the Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



WOMEN OF THE BAPTIST deaconess society, Tabea, in Hamburg, Western Germany, are shown at work wearing the dress which has been traditional for more than a century among German deaconesses. Another Baptist deaconess group in Hamburg, the Albertinen, is undergoing a revolution. It is abandoning the ankle-length dresses for contemporary wear of the person's own choosing. Moreover, it is admitting married women and even men who work at the group's social welfare institutions. It is transforming itself from what was nearly an "order" of unmarried women into an independent Christian social welfare association. (European Baptist Press Service Photo)

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Sardis, Site Of One Of "The Seven Churches"

SARDIS ONCE RESIGNED as the political center of Asia Minor. Under the fabled King Croesus, it became one of the world's richest cities. Now only ruins such as these attest to its former glory. The site was photographed during the filming of a Radio-Television Commission documentary on the seven churches mentioned in Revelation, shown nationally by ABC-TV.

Hebron Homecoming

Hebron Church, Grenada, will observe Homecoming Day, Sunday, July 27.

Rev. Finley Evans, pastor, will bring the message at 11 o'clock. A program for the afternoon has been planned beginning at 1:30 and concluding at 3:30. Two former pastors will speak. Music will be by the church choir, Wade Bailey, minister of music.

Lunch will be served at the church. Friends, former pastors, and former members are invited.

Art Exhibit Gets Combat Show

At Fire Support Base Panther, 51 miles southwest of Saigon in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam, a group of U. S. Army men gathered behind a wall of sandbags. Guns slung over their shoulders, they stood looking at an art exhibit.

"What's that stuff doing out here?" asked one GI.

The artist whose works were hanging on the sandbags, Bob Harper, had a simple answer: "In every man's life a little art should be."

Harper, art editor for The Commission, publication of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, saw nothing incongruous about his one-man show, which he believes was the first art exhibition ever held under combat conditions in the history of war.

He reasons: "Bob Hope brings his entertainers to Vietnam. Billy Graham and the chaplains bring the gospel to these men. Why should they be denied a little art?" Harper himself was a combat photographer during the Korean War.

The artist displayed parts of his exhibit in several Richmond, Va., locations before taking it with him on a trip to the Far East. He took time out for his GI "showing" while doing a photographic essay on Southern Baptist Chaplain Harold Mills and Missionary Associate James F. Humphries ministering to men in the combat zone of Vietnam.

The art which Harper exhibited was as stark as the war zone where he displayed it. Entitled "Explosion 13," the exhibit includes 13 examples of black and white works which use acrylics (water-based paints) on canvas that has been covered with a white primer. His portraits, each of which seeks to capture a basic human mood, eliminate all but the essential details.

Harper thinks he may be the only

artist doing this type of painting. He first experimented with bold contrast in an oil self-portrait while an art education student in East Carolina College (now University), Greenville, N. C. Almost 10 years later he decided to perfect the technique, this time using fast-drying acrylics and the white primer, which produces a luminous quality. Proper lighting is no problem for his works since they stand out even better in dim light.

Harper left the exhibit with Southern Baptist missionaries in Saigon to be shown in the national gallery. After its Saigon showing the exhibit is scheduled to go to Hong Kong, Korea, and Japan. It will be displayed by missionaries in each country.

Although a strong believer in missions, Harper doesn't pretend that his art is meant to be religious in nature. But he does believe it can be used as a point of contact between missionaries and people interested in art.

He is convinced that the fine arts definitely have a place in promotion of missions. Music is already being used extensively in special evangelistic campaigns overseas, and he thinks exhibitions of painting, sculpture, graphic arts, and photography can prove equally useful.

A native of Enfield, N. C., he has worked for the Foreign Mission Board, in Richmond, for the past five years. He brought home a large souvenir from Vietnam: a six-by-eight-foot Viet Cong flag that was found hanging in a tree near Camp Viking by men of the Army's 86th Engineer Battalion.

Often such flags are hung to entice U. S. soldiers into booby-trapped areas, he said, and in this case a detonation squad had to set off the hidden explosive before pulling down the flag.

The artist's children, Mary, 11, and Jimmy, 10 took the flag to school to show to their classmates.

Sons Of Jubal

Witness Impact Through Music In South America

By Sandra Simmons
In Christian Index

In sharp contrast to the hostile reception U. S. envoy Nelson Rockefeller received at the same time in South America, Georgia's Sons of Jubal were met by our neighbors to the South with "open arms" on their 20-day singing tour through Brazil, Chile, Argentina and Peru.

"The language barrier didn't mean a thing; it just seemed to melt," reported Paul McCommon, secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention's music department, who directed the group of 31 Georgia ministers of music and two sons of two of the ministers who were trumpet accompanists.

"The Singing, a success" the headlines read in one of the articles featuring the Sons of Jubal, published in the Gazette de Algas, Brazilian Catholic-controlled newspaper.

Met everywhere with overflowing crowds and warm enthusiasm, the Sons of Jubal traveled a total of 15,652 miles. They sang approximately 27 concerts and performed between eight and 10 radio and television shows.

The group sang in Capunga church in Recife, Brazil, to an overflowing audience of 1,200 to 1,500, with people standing in the halls and foyer. They also sang in the First churches in Rio, Brazil, Lima Peru, Cate in Rio where they helped celebrate its 30th anniversary, and others.

The Sons of Jubal sang not only in churches but also in schools, unheated gymnasiums, "cultural centers"—theaters, at a seminary and on radio and television broadcasts.

Evio de Oliveira, native of Recife and minister of music at Eastside church in Marietta, (former Mississippi) interpreted several of the songs into Portuguese and Spanish. The chorus then surprised their audiences by singing in the people's native language.

"McKenzie University, in which we sang, was across the street from a Communist-controlled university."

"Last year, we were told, people stood on either side of the street and shot back and forth."

"That night at the Sons of Jubal concert there were some Communist 'plants' in the audience. During the concert they didn't make a sound," Dr. McCommon said.

"However, after the concert, the people began clapping their hands in rhythm, indicating they wanted us to sing more. Then the 'plants' began booing us. The people in the audience stood up and began to clap louder, actually drowning the boos out."

Members of the group found themselves welcomed and sometimes easily recognized. The mayor of one of the towns in which they sang presented them with a bus and an es-

cort. At the Rotary Club in Rio a top Volkswagen executive paid for their meals.

They were asked to appear on television many times. After appearing on the "Musica ao Alcance de Todos" ("Music for All") show in Brazil, they were asked to stay in the studio to present other numbers after the educational station's regularly scheduled English class. Listeners were invited to keep tuned in to the station to hear the English-language music.

At the end of the appearance, in an uncommon gesture, a representative of the federal university which sponsors the TV station went on the air to express gratitude for their presentation.

"You have opened doors to a group of people we have so far been unable to reach," one missionary told the singing group.

"There were priests, nuns and upper middle class people who attended concerts in the schools and theaters, who would never otherwise go to our church," Dr. McCommon said.

"At a concert in Macao, Brazil, the Secretary of Education and Culture was there and led the cheering section along with his wife. They were not Christians."

"The people would tell the missionaries that they were very impressed and ask how much the missionaries paid us to come. Then it was the missionary's opportunity to witness and

tell them how we came at our own expense to sing about Christ."



Church Clerk 40 Years

Sturgis Church (Oktibbeha) on June 29, during Homecoming Day, presented to Mrs. L. E. Hamill a corsage and a charm bracelet, in recognition of her service as church clerk and treasurer since 1929. She is pictured above, receiving the gift from the church's pastor, Rev. Bruce Jolly. (Dr. B. P. Martin, former pastor, was guest speaker for the morning worship service.)

Dr. McCommon said that most of the people had no concept of a male chorus. He told of a young music major at one of the universities who asked the group how they sang without a mixed chorus.

The singing group impressed the public further with their amount of education, most of the singers having master's degrees which are highly respected by South Americans.

It also enabled them to lecture to classes of church music in the universities.

Bill H. Ichter of Rio, director of the Brazilian Baptist department of sacred music, said "Georgia Baptists made a real contribution to the Crusade of the Americas by making it possible for the Sons of Jubal to sing in Brazil, where the Crusades began."

"Brazilian Baptists will not soon forget the Sons of Jubal."

The Sons of Jubal concert tour lasted only 20 days, but had overwhelming response. After one concert a young teenage girl sought the chorus out in the large crowd and spoke in Portuguese to Mr. Oliveira.

"I've never heard music like this before," she said. She told him that she had always listened to music for music's sake.

But, to her and many others, this music was different. She, like the others, returned the second night to hear the Christian Witness of Georgia's Sons of Jubal.

New Orleans Baptists. He remained in this post for 13 years. During that time he led in the constituting of 35 new Baptist churches, started four day schools for underprivileged children in Plaquemine Parish, organized a new association, and led in the buying and building construction of 23 different projects. When he retired from that post March 1, 1959, he left 21 active missions from which several churches have since been constituted. Since moving to Louisiana in 1930, Wells participated in organizing 48 new Baptist churches.

After his retirement as superintendent of city missions in New Orleans, he worked with the pastor of the First Baptist Church as a church visitor for a year and a half without salary.

Yes, he is still in the harness. As he approaches his 79th birthday on September 10, he continues to serve the Home Mission Board in schools of missions, camps, and other programs, as well as supplying for various churches, visiting hospitals, assisting students in getting scholarships, and regularly teaches a men's Sunday school class in his church. The last two weeks in June he taught missions in a Royal Ambassador camp for 200 boys in South Carolina. Mrs. Wells teaches the T. E. L. Class in her church. They have two grown married daughters, Mrs. Richard Kearley, and Mrs. Moses Watkins. The Wellses live at 1787 Lafreniere Street, New Orleans, La. 70122.

50 Years A Preacher

By J. D. Grey

"A half-century in the harness and still pulling his load" aptly describes the work of 79-year-old J. C. Wells of New Orleans. He was ordained to the Baptist ministry 50 years ago. It was on July 10, 1919 that the First Baptist Church of Clinton, Mississippi ordained him "to the full work of the gospel ministry" at the completion of his freshman year at Mississippi College. Dr. Zeno Wall was the pastor and Dr. W. A. Hewitt, First Baptist Church, Jackson, preached the sermon.

Dr. George W. Truett was preaching at the Palacios Encampment in Texas when Wells surrendered to preach. His father was an ordained Baptist preacher also.

Wells attended San Marcos Baptist Academy and was licensed to preach by the church at Lyle, Texas, November, 1917. While at San Marcos he studied the Bible under Dr. Baines, uncle of President Lyndon Baines Johnson. He entered Mississippi College, September, 1918, and graduated 1921. While in college he edited the college paper, participated in student activities, and was pastor of country churches nearby. He later attended

the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, receiving his Th.M. degree there in 1926. He remained for another year's work on his Th.D. and completed residence work before moving to Senatobia, where he was pastor of the First Baptist Church. He later studied further on the doctorate at New Orleans Seminary.

Wells moved to Louisiana on March 1, 1930 to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Welsh. After serving there two years he went to the First Baptist Church of Lafayette.

During his 14 years at Lafayette he led in the purchasing of the first Baptist Student Center owned by Louisiana Baptists. He led in constituting seven churches in the area, most of which were organized from missions of his church. He participated in all state Baptist activities. He was on the Executive Board for 12 years, vice-president of the state convention two years, chairman of the state Radio Committee, president of the Lake Arches Encampment and was moderator for four years of the Evangeline Association which he had led in organizing.

On March 1, 1946 Wells became superintendent of city missions for



U. S. ARMY MEN look at paintings at Fire Support Base Panther, in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam. Artist Bob Harper displayed his works while doing a photographic essay for THE COMMISSION, publication of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. (Photo by Bob Harper)

Missionary Warns of Possible Communist Ideological Victory In South American Nations

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — "The day is coming when American missionaries will not be welcome in South America," warns Dr. Roy Wyatt, a missionary to South America who has just completed a year on furlough, spent at Southern Seminary here teaching Hebrew.

"Opportunities are open now for other ideologies in South America. We have neglected Latin America because Europe has been the hot spot. Now this huge area is open to the influence of Russia and Red China," Wyatt continued.

Known already as an innovator and experimenter in theological education, Wyatt will leave the United States July 29 armed with many new ideas from his year at Southern Seminary for use in his work as professor of Old Testament in the International Baptist Theological Seminary at Cali, Colombia.

He and his wife Joyce, with their two daughters — Kathy, 14, and Debbie, 4 — will leave behind their oldest son, Mike, 17, who will enroll in the University of Richmond this fall.

The seminary in Cali, one of three

international Baptist seminaries in the world, serves Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and all of Central America. Of 69 students, there were 10 graduates this year. Nine full-time and nine part-time faculty are employed.

"We are about at the stage of American seminary education in 1880," he said. "South American education slowed down during World War II due to the economic and political boycott. Our most urgent need is to train national leadership."

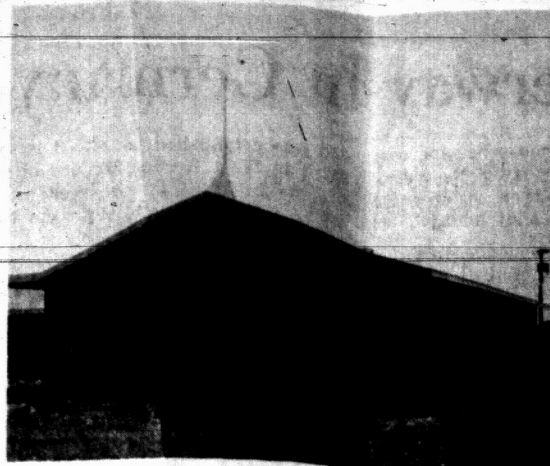
South American professors are beginning to take more courses in North American seminaries so they can strengthen their instructional resources. Mrs. Crea Ridenour, professor of piano and Christian education, is also at Southern Seminary, taking courses in religious education. And there are three students from Brazil enrolled for advanced theological degrees on the Louisville campus.

The missionary professor believes strongly that Latin American nationals must be trained for teaching positions in their seminaries. He hopes to find a Latin American professor of Old Testament soon, and plans to send several Colombian students to the United States to work on doctoral degrees.

"The South American is eager to learn," Wyatt says. "He admires open intellectual honesty and will chew you out if you are not factual with him. And this South American student is more prone to listen to someone from Eastern Europe rather than North America. As a result of biased reporting in the mass media, he feels there is better social progress in Eastern Europe."

Although the Community Party is outlawed, Wyatt reports, it has a strong underground operation, distributing printed materials. Also, there are students from Peking in South American universities who are teaching the thoughts of Mao-Tse-Tung. Wyatt would like to see a greater exchange of North and South American students to improve understanding and communication.

In his year of teaching Hebrew at Louisville, Wyatt claims he gained more knowledge than his students. They might argue that point, as they were exposed to a bit of authentic South American culture as a bonus for taking Hebrew. Students were frequent visitors in the Wyatt home for slides and conversation, and spent many hours in the campus coffee shop with this stimulating missionary professor.



Immanuel To Dedicate First Unit

On Sunday, July 27, Immanuel Church, Greenwood, located in Lake View Gardens, will hold special services dedicating their new church. The first unit of the church was completed the first week in July and first services were held on July 7.

The pastor, Rev. Jimmy Dukes, will bring a special morning message. Lunch will be served at the church. Afternoon services will begin at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Leon Emery, associate, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and former interim pastor of the church, will bring the dedication message.

Open house will be held giving visitors an opportunity to tour the building.

Immanuel Church had its beginning when thirteen families being led by the Holy Spirit and feeling the need of another Baptist church in Greenwood, began holding worship services in the Greenwood Youth Center on October 1, 1967. The church held its organizational meeting on October 15, 1967, at which time it adopted its constitution and called as its interim pastor, Rev. Leon Emery.

On October 18, 1967, the newly organized church was accepted as a member of the Leflore County Association.

Under the leadership of Mr. Emery, the church purchased seven lots in Lake View Gardens.

In November, 1968, the church called Rev. Jimmy Dukes as first full time pastor, and under his leadership construction was begun on the church in early March, 1969. The first unit is now complete. The church has experienced growth in all areas. Since its organization in October, 1967, the membership of the church has increased from 32 to 132. The church has regularly supported the Cooperative Program and the church has this year increased its percentage of gifts to the Cooperative Program.

Indonesian Baptists Look To Kabaria '70

Baptists in Indonesia are preparing for a series of evangelistic meetings to be held June 20 - July 5, 1970, and designated KABARIA '70 (an acronym meaning "joyful news"), reports Mrs. Wayne A. Pennell, Southern Baptist missionary in Surakarta, Java.

Indonesian Baptists believe in the value of evangelistic crusades because of the "new zeal" their churches have had since the 1967 GEHIBA ("new life") crusade, Mrs. Pennell says.

She notes that, since 1967, the extent of Baptist work around Surakarta (also known as Solo) has grown from one village 15 miles from the city to include villages over 100 miles apart. The total number of churches, chapels, and preaching stations has nearly tripled, and there has been an increase in the number of candidates for the ministry.

John W. Provine Portrait Presented State Hall Of Fame

The presentation of the portrait of John William Provine (June 19-1896-November 3, 1949) was made to the Hall of Fame of the State of Mississippi on July 20, at 3:30 p. m., in the House of Representatives, Old Capitol, Jackson. Provine was a former president of Mississippi College.

Those on program included Dr. R. A. McLemore, presiding; Dr. Howard Spell, invocation; Dr. Henry S. Provine, presentation of portrait; Miss Charlotte Capers, acceptance; Cecil Travis, E. D. Kenna, Robert Gandy, tributes; Dr. J. S. Riser, benediction. The portrait was painted by Mrs. Vera Stephenson.

Sunset, Ponca City, Seeks Former Members

Sunset Church, Ponca City, Oklahoma will observe the 25th anniversary of its organization on October 14 this year, according to the pastor, Rev. Cliff Fite.

All former members are asked to contact the church at least a month before this date at: 915 W. Greenwood, Ponca City, Okla. 74601. (Phone 405-765-8170.)

Sunday School

Sunday School Plan Books Released

A series of Sunday School Plan Books for 1969-70, covering each age group, has been prepared by the staff of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department and released by Convention Press.

The series includes editions for nursery, beginner, primary, junior, intermediate, young people (single and married) and adult (including extension and cradle roll) workers.

Also included is Planning the 1969-70 Bible Teaching Program, a Sunday School council plan book. It is designed for use by members of Sunday School council, department superintendents, general Sunday School officers, minister of education and pastor.

The books were developed in an effort to provide a more practical format in which department Achievement Guides may be used. They contain aids to achievement, based on the guides. The books contain plan sheets with monthly calendars and provide space for workers to record detailed plans.

Sunday School Plan Books 1969-70 are available in the Baptist Book Store, 125 North President Street, Jackson, 39201.

Life And Work Lesson Helps

"Studying Life and Work Lessons" by Herschel H. Hobbs has been prepared to cover the July-September 1969 quarter and has been released by Convention Press.

The book contains expository treatment of each Life and Work lesson for the quarter. Each approach contains an introduction, an examination of background materials and of the basic Scripture passages and an outline. Greek and Hebrew words are explained and an application to daily life is provided.

"Studying Life and Work Lessons" is available in the Baptist Book Store, Jackson.

Dave Simmons Opens Boys' Ranch Near Poplarville

Dave Simmons, linebacker with the National Football League's Dallas Cowboys, and a Christian athlete, has founded a boys' ranch in Mississippi — the King's Arrow Ranch, 20 miles south of Hattiesburg, in Pearl River County, near Poplarville. Open to boys between nine and 16, it started its first program this summer.

The boys' camp program consists of three different sessions, in June and July — two weeks, four weeks or eight weeks. The boys can attend any or all.

"There is something to do for all," says Mr. Simmons — "archery, riflery, canoeing, boating, sailing, swimming, hiking, fishing, sports and crafts."

"I feel that developing a boy into manhood involves more than developing the mind and body. It includes the development of character and leadership."

"And this is what I hope a session at the King's Arrow Ranch will accomplish. Anyone who has a son interested in joining us can contact me

at 4432 Providence Place, New Orleans," Simmons added.

"The ranch is a program designed around your son," Simmons said.

"The buildings and facilities are incidental. We have a person to person program. We have assembled the finest group of college men who can be found anywhere for the express purpose of helping you build character and quality into your son."

"These boys between nine and 16 are at a very critical stage of maturity and are dangerously easy to influence."

"You are aware of some of the movements on high school campuses that are confronting boys: Drugs, free love and communism. The drug consumption, venereal disease and illegitimate children in high schools are staggering."

"To counteract these trends we need young men in our schools who not only have a deep sense of Christian values, strong character and self discipline, but who have the ability to influence others to follow them."

"And this above all is what I'm hoping to show these boys at the King's Arrow Ranch."

Church Retreats

The ranch will be open for church retreats and conferences from August 5 through May. The prices will vary according to the facilities the parties wish to use, such as horses, rifle ranges, archery ranges, etc.

Retreat facilities include ten new cabins which hold nine people each. There is a huge multi-purpose building which includes a dining room to hold 250 people; and a conference and recreation room. A barn and corral add western flavor. There is a swimming pool, as well as a small boat-lake.

Those interested may contact Mr. Simmons at the address give above.

Eastern REA To Meet At Ridgecrest

Church staff members attending the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Eastern Religious Education Association at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, July 23-24, 1969 will preview all new curriculum resources and educational methods that will be available for use in 1970. Members will also hear about educational innovations in teaching and learning that churches could use in their educational programs.

Southern Baptist Convention program leaders will personally interpret all new curriculum materials and methods for 1970. Denominational leaders participating in the conference are W. L. Howse, A. V. Washburn, Sunday School; Philip B. Harris, Church Training; Elaine Dickson, Woman's Missionary Union; Norman Godfrey, Brotherhood; W. Hines Sims, Church Music; Byron Clendinning,

Family Ministry; William Clemmons, Vocational Guidance; W. A. Harrell, Church Architecture; Bob M. Boyd, Recreation; Wayne E. Todd, Howard Foshee, Church Administration and Pastoral Ministries.

Innovative educational resources such as computer assisted learning, modular scheduling, teaching games and programmed instruction will be presented by Lois V. Edinger, education progress at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Leading other special conferences on practical aspects of church education are Allen W. Graves, Leonard E. Wedel, Doug Dillard and Robert A. Watts.

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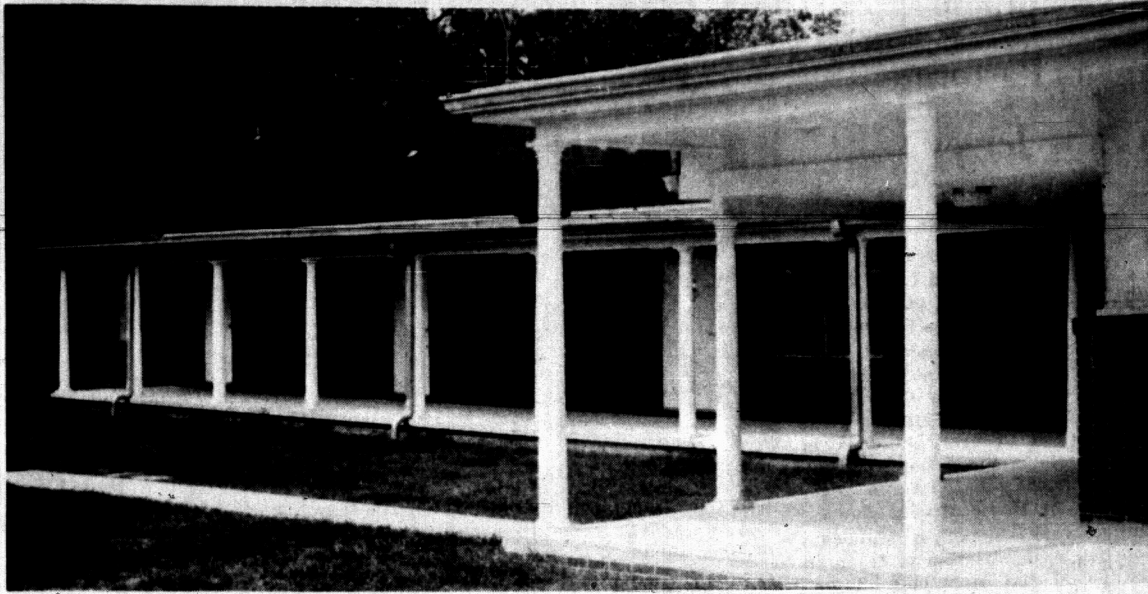
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Ingram Dedicates Third Education Building

On Sunday, June 29, Ingram Church, Prentiss County, dedicated the third new education building, within a ten-year period. During the morning worship hour, the new building was presented by the chairman of the Building Committee, John Franklin. The chairman of deacons, E. V. Gamble, made the acceptance speech.

Rev. W. C. Gann, superintendent of missions, Prentiss and Tishomingo Counties, led in the prayer of dedication. Rev. Wallace Pannell, pastor, delivered the dedication message. Lunch was served in the church park. In 1969 Ingram Church called Rev. Wallace Pannell as pastor. For almost ten years he has served in this capacity and the church has grown to be one of the top fifteen rural Baptist churches in the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

At the beginning of this ten-year period the income for the church was \$4,218 for the year. In 1968, the income had grown to \$21,276.00. This year the church has a budget of \$21,500.00. There have been 201 additions to the church since Pannell has served as pastor, 138 as candidates for baptism.

In 1960 the church began a full time program. During 1959 the indebtedness of the pastorate was lifted and a new educational building erected and a baptistry installed.

In 1962 it was decided that another educational building was needed. This was constructed and included were new Sunday school rooms, rest rooms, dining room and a kitchen. All of this was paid for with the exception of \$1,000.

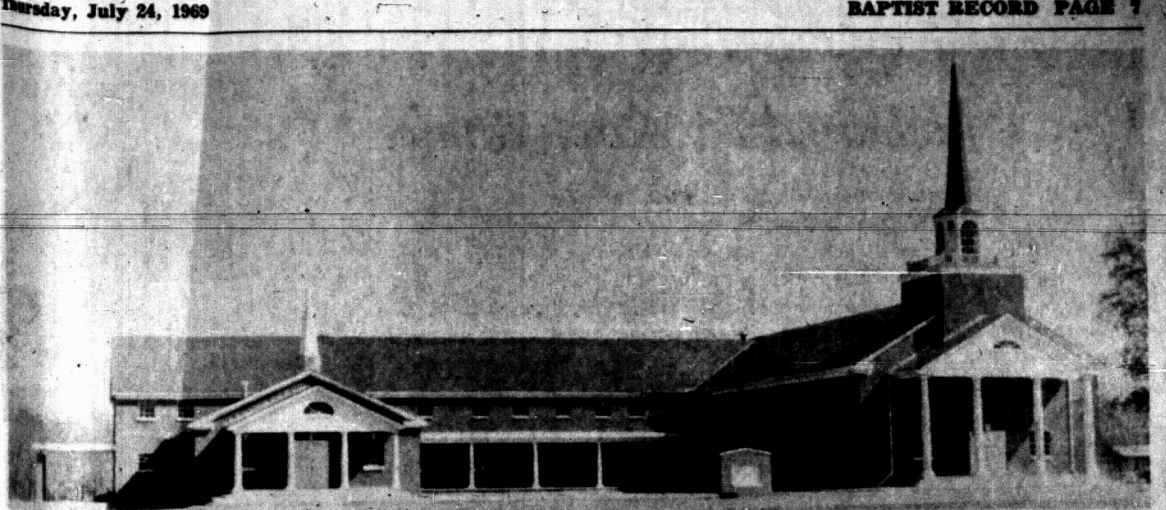
By 1963 the church had expanded its teaching from five Sunday school

rooms to thirteen. By 1967 all of the classrooms in the new educational buildings had been air conditioned. In 1968 contracts were let to Buster McElroy & Co. for a new educational building for \$25,000. This new building was to be 76 feet long and 32 feet wide. This new building was to be for the nursery, beginner, primary and junior departments of the Sunday School and is complete with central air conditioning and heating.

During this time the church has added a pastor's study, secretary's office, music room and library.

Pearlington Homecoming

First Southern Baptist Church of Pearlington will have annual homecoming day on July 27. Rev. Larry Landrum will preach at 11 a. m. Dinner will be served at the church. Rev. John Wardle is pastor.



New Hope (Marion) Dedicates Education Building-Chapel

New Hope Church, Marion County, on July 6, dedicated their recently completed chapel and education building. Rev. Thomas Hall, former pastor, preached the dedicatory message. Others on program were Rev. James W. Mallard, pastor; Rev. Albert Homer, Jr., education-music director; Leslie Pounds, chairman, building committee; and Everett Stringer, treasurer, building fund. (Groundbreaking was held last October and the building was com-

pleted by January. The new structure provides space for three nurseries, junior and young people's departments, library-conference room, kitchen with fellowship hall, three primary departments, one beginner department, eight adult classrooms, and the chapel. Dinner on the ground followed the morning service. The church entertained guests for open house in the afternoon.

Southwestern REA To Mark Beginning Of 50th Year

FORT WORTH, TEX.—The Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association will begin its fiftieth year with a meeting at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary August 19-21. The group will honor its founder J. M. Price, dean, professor of religious psychology and education principles, emeritus.

The theme of the conference, "Threshold of Tomorrow — the 70's,"

will interpret the changes in curriculum and organization patterns of the 1970's. It is designed to prepare workers psychologically, intellectually and spiritually to meet the challenge of change, according to LeRoy Ford, president-elect of the group and professor of programmed instruction and principles of religious education.

Four speakers for the conference are W. L. Howe, director of the education division of the Sunday School Board, Raymond Rigdon, Seminary Extension Department, A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Department and Phillip B. Harris, secretary of the Church Training Department.

Two or more consultants from the Sunday School Board will be present to conduct age group conferences. Each age group will have conferences for workers in churches whose membership is under 2,000 and over 2,000. Dan McBride and Bob Cook will be in charge of a special get-acquainted session.

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God Delivers His People

By Clifton J. Allen

Exodus 2:23 to 3:22; 5:22 to 6:9; 12:15

The scene of the next chapter in the story of God and his people is Egypt. The length of time the Hebrews remained in Egypt cannot be precisely determined. Enough time passed, however, for the family of Jacob to become a great host. The terrible distress and hopeless plight of the Israelites, caused by measures designed to destroy the people, created the situation for God's mighty intervention to deliver his people from bondage in Egypt and to establish them as a covenant nation.

The Lesson Explained
God's Concern For His People
Verses 2:23-25; 3:7-8

Enslaved Israelites in Egypt had every occasion for despair. Cruel taskmasters drove them to the utmost limits of physical endurance. Measures were instituted for the destruction of all newborn male children. Their plight seemed hopeless. God was not unaware of their suffering and despair. He felt their pains and heard their sighs and cries. He remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—which means he began to put into operation by decisive action the means for carrying out his covenant purpose.

God had already acted: he had preserved Moses from destruction. Now God appeared to Moses at the burning bush, called him to his great task, and patiently dealt with him as Moses hesitatingly accepted his mission. Most important of all, God revealed himself to Moses as the personal, all-sufficient, eternal, covenant-keeping God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The Passover And Its Meaning
Verses 12:21, 23-27

The writer of Exodus records the plagues — mighty deeds of God's sovereign power and judgment whereby God dealt with Pharaoh to prepare the way for the final deliverance of the Israelites.

The last plague was the death of the firstborn in all the land of Egypt. In connection with this, God gave Moses instructions for the institution of the Passover, the observance of which would spare the Israelites from the angel of death. The Passover was designed to become an annual celebration to remind the Israelites of

God's merciful protection against the angel of death and his mighty deliverance from the land of Egypt. When the Israelites would come into the Promised Land, they were to continue the observance of the Passover in recognition of God and his claim on them as a nation. The Passover thus instituted pointed forward in the purpose of God to Jesus Christ, the true paschal Lamb. His sacrifice makes possible God's deliverance of man from the bondage of sin. The meaning of the Passover was to be explained to the children in future generations to impress on them how God had spared the children of Israel in Egypt when he destroyed the firstborn of the Egyptians.

Deliverance By A Mighty Hand
Verses 14:30-31

The plague of death was all that God said it would be. Pharaoh and the Egyptians besought the children of Israel to go out from their land. Under the direction of God, Moses led them in a circuitous route by way of the Red Sea. There God parted the waters to allow the Israelites to march through on dry land. But when the chariots of Pharaoh sought to follow after them, God caused the waters to return so that the entire host of Pharaoh was destroyed. God did something that can be explained only in terms of miracle. When the Israelites saw the deliverance and the destruction wrought by the mighty hand of God, they feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and had new confidence in Moses as their leader.

Truths to Live By
God overcomes. — God is not helpless in the conflict with evil. He overcomes those who oppose him. But God overcomes in ways that may seem strange to us. He does not act arbitrarily or vindictively; he does not just slaughter his enemies for the fun of destruction. He devises means that are righteous and wise—acts of mercy and judgment, acts both natural and supernatural. Supremely, God's overcoming power and purpose are to be seen in the fuller light of the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. God overcomes by redeeming men from sin. He overcomes by the power of forgiving love.

God redeems. — There is terrible reality and awful agony in the service of Satan — more cruel than any taskmaster — regardless of the satisfaction and pleasure people think they get from doing the works of Satan. The one way of deliverance is through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. His death on the cross broke Satan's power. Christ offers every person who will trust him the freedom and fullness of a new life with power to become what man at his best aspires to be, a servant of the living God with a sense of worth and responsibility in the world and with hope of an eternal destiny in the presence of God in glory.

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MATT. 5:21-48

By Bill Duncan

For years we have said there are two sides to every story. There are two sides to every coin. There are two sides to every person. There is the side that people see, the outward actions that deal with relationship, and the inward side that reveals the true self. One can think a thought and do another action. But Jesus said that God judges the thought as well as the action. We all have a lot of trouble with our inner spirits. We need to control and change this part of ourselves.

Jesus warned the disciples that their righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees if they were to enter the Kingdom of God. The scribes and Pharisees spent a lot of time studying how they could fulfill what the law required of them in morals. But Jesus said that it was not so important what was the outward appearance of observing the law as it was the inner attitude, motive and feeling of the heart.

Then were many examples used in the Sermon on the Mount to illustrate what should be the disciple's inner spirits feeling. In everyone of these the true inner spirit should be what would Christian love require rather than the law. Christian love in each case required more than the law.

The Inner Spirit's Attitude Toward Another

The law said, thou shalt not kill. But Christian love required that a person not be angry or speak lightly of another person. The Pharisees could say that they had never killed a person. But could the disciple say that he had never felt angry toward another? The Lord said that the requirements of the Kingdom of Heaven are much harder than the Jewish code of behaviour.

To further illustrate, it was necessary that a disciple keep proper rela-

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Homecoming At Antioch

August 3 will be Homecoming Day at Antioch Church, Neshoba County. (The church was organized in 1926.)

Sunday school and preaching will be held at the regular time on Sunday morning. Lunch will be served at the church, and the afternoon program will include reading of the church history, comments by former pastors, singing, and fellowship.

Former pastors, present and former members, and friends are invited.

Devotional

Hero Who Dared To March Alone

By Bartis Harper, Pastor, First, Morton
SCRIPTURE — Exodus 14

Moses, the great leader and lawgiver through whom God brought the Hebrews out of Egypt, constituted them a nation for His service, and brought them within reach of the land promised to their forefathers. Moses belonged to the tribe of Levi, to the clan of Kohath and to the house of Amram.



The first mention of Moses is in connection with the incident in the bulrushes of the Nile when as a baby he was found by Pharaoh's daughter. (Ex. 2:10)

Exodus 14 tells us of the fierce charge of the Egyptians. The weary day's march, which must have seemed as suicidal to the Israelites as it did to their pursuers, had ended in bringing them into a position of the desert, the sea or the enemy. The people of Israel lost heart. Moses alone keeps his head and his faith. He is rewarded with the fuller promise of deliverance, and receives the power accompanying the command, to stretch forth his hand, and part the sea.

The picture of the crossing carries eternal truth for us all. The way of safety does not open till we are hemmed in, and Pharaoh's chariots are almost upon us. If often has to be ventured on in the dark, and with the wind in our faces. But if we tread it in faith, the apparent impossibilities will be realized.

Moses faced the crossroads of decision. He must choose between two destinies — as the son of Pharaoh's daughter or as a son of God; as a member of the royal family or as a member of the despised Hebrews; as a leader in a going national concern or as a leader in an apparently lost cause. He must make his choice between the glitter of Egypt and the gloom of Israel. He chose and he chose well.

Moses was a leader. As a leader of his people, he was not only equipped technically through his Egyptian upbringing and training, but was also, on a much more fundamental level, a supreme leader by being a close follower of his God by faith. Such a man did God raise up to lead His people from bondage to promise. Because he was a man of enduring faith in the invisible God and so jealous for God's name can alone explain his achievement as a great leader.

The last scene in the life of Moses is a touching one. Moses, the old man, stands on Mt. Nebo looking out across the Dead Sea and over to the hills of the Promised Land, and he sees at hand the realization of the promise which God had made to Abraham so many years before. This people stood poised and ready to go in and take possession of the place which God had promised. But Moses himself could not go in. Moses was a man. He was not a god. He was a great man, perhaps the greatest man of the Old Testament; but he was a man, and he got tired and irritated with these people who were so stubborn and backsliding, and he seems even to have lost his temper with God at times, and God said to him, "for that you cannot go in." Moses had to stand there and look into the Promised Land from afar, because once he doubted God's Word.

What lessons can we learn from Moses for our own life? The lesson in Faith: here is a man with tremendous faith. The lesson in Obedience: he did what God told him to do. The lesson in Service: here is a man for long years spent himself in the service of God on behalf of his people. The lesson in Prayer: Moses prayed again and again and again for his people.

It was not a crowd that produced the miracle of the divided Red Sea; it was an individual, Moses, a hero who dared to march alone!



Olive Branch Burns Note

Pictured above are Mrs. Barbara Smith, the newest member at First, Olive Branch; H. G. Davidson, Chairman of Finance; and Mrs. Will Maxwell, member of the church for 58 years. They are leading the members of First Church of Olive Branch in a noteburning ceremony. About 10 years ago the church borrowed \$9,000 and traded their home for a new home that had just been built on Stuart Street. The church paid off the note of \$4,655.10 and burned the note. The church membership at this particular time have plans coming from the architect's office for a two-story educational unit that will house 250 children birth through 11 years of age. Rev. Vance Marberry is pastor.



"This Is The Way We Sing Today!"

Since its founding, thirteen years ago, Miss Ernestine Ferrell, former student at Blue Mountain College, has been the music instructor for the North Mississippi Elementary Teachers Workshop, held annually at Blue Mountain. Miss Ferrell, supervisor of music education, State Department of Education, Jackson, shown at piano, was again music instructor during the 1969 Workshop Session. Standing is Mrs. J. R. Lewis, Director of the North Mississippi Elementary Teachers Workshop, and head of the Department of Education at Blue Mountain College.

Mississippian Begins Pastorate In New Jersey

Rev. Jon F. Meek, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon F. Meek, Sr. of Charleston, Miss., is the new pastor of Calvary Baptist Chapel, 485 Lloyd Road, Matawan, New Jersey, one of the churches connected with Project 500.

Mr. Meek was ordained at First Church, Charleston. He attended Mississippi College, Golden Gate Seminary, and New Orleans Seminary, and was pastor of several churches in Louisiana. He resigned the pastorate of First Church, Olla, La., to begin work with the Home Mission Board.

The Calvary Chapel in Matawan, which has a membership of 71, is an extension of the Monmouth Baptist Church of Eatontown. Mr. Meek hopes that it will be organized as a church by next spring. (The Eatontown church was the first in Monmouth County to be affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.)

With his coming, the people of Calvary have their first fulltime pastor. Recently Mr. Meek and time pastor. Recently Mr. Meek and the Calvary Chapel were the subject of a feature article in the Daily Register, Middletown, N. J. The writer, Florence Bruder, said, "Pastor Meek and his people envision a different type of ministry, one with an emphatic focus on personal concern. They are interested in such problems as alcoholism, narcotics, unwed mothers, lonely commuters' wives, child care programs. They focus, in their School of Christian Education, on excellence, not haphazard methods. A meaningful academic experience resulting in knowledgeable leadership is their aim."

At the evening service, occasional dialogue preaching will be featured. Plans for the future include the erection of a permanent building on the 3.6 acres recently purchased by the chapel. Meetings for the present are held in the building at the rear of the pastorium, which has been renovated by addition of new carpeting, wall paneling, and suspended acoustical ceiling.

Pastor Meek, his life Lola, and two sons, Mike, 10, and Gary, 9, live in the main building. The basement and attic are used for the education program.

Every member a worshiper;
Every worshiper a worker;
Every worker a giver;
Every giver a spiritual force.



Lee Countians Visit BMC

REV. M. L. SWINNEY (right, front row), pastor of Priceville Church, Lee County, recently took two counselors and a youth group to tour the campus of Blue Mountain College. Gathered at the front of Stevens Hall, the group is arranged as follows: front row, left to right—Dr. James L. Travis, Professor of Bible at the College, conductor of the tour; Mrs. M. L. Swinney, Mrs. C. Clingan, counselors; Marilyn Wright, and Rev. M. L. Swinney. Standing, second row, left to right: Joe Westmoreland, Betty Swinney, Patsy Morton, Theresa Scruggs, Carol Collier, and Micky Smith. Back row, left to right: David Brooks, Vicki Pettigrew, Carolyn Clingan, and Mary Vess.



Linn To Dedicate New Pastorium

THE NEW PASTORIUM at Linn Church, Daddsboro, will be dedicated in a special ceremony Sunday afternoon, July 27, with open house to follow from 2 until 4 p.m. On the same date, Homecoming Day will be observed, with basket lunches served at noon. During the week of July 20-27, a church-led revival is in progress, with the pastor, Rev. Marvin D. Bibb as evangelist, Morr's Downs, choir director, leading the singing, Cathy Bibb as organist, and Mrs. Morris Downs, as pianist. Friends and former members are invited to all these services.

Hong Kong Missionary Urges Reinforcements

Hong Kong, one of the world's most densely populated urban areas, with about 4 million inhabitants, urgently needs more missionaries in evangelistic work, says Southern Baptist Missionary Britt E. Towery, Jr., director of the Baptist Communication Center in Hong Kong.

"Presently there are two missionaries pastoring English-speaking churches, two in Mandarin-speaking Chinese evangelism, and two in Cantonese evangelism," Towery says. "Other missionaries preach, teach, and witness through local churches and institutions as they have opportunity."

(Currently there are 69 missionaries, 15 in short-term personnel categories, in the Hong Kong Macao Baptist Mission. At the end of 1968, Hong Kong, a British colony, had 34 Baptist churches and 13 mission points; Macao, a Portuguese colony, had one Baptist church and three mission points.)

Revival Dates

Goodwater Church, Magee: July 27-August 3; Dr. Joe Cothen, (pictured) former pastor, Alta Woods Church, Jackson, now Professor at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; A. Wayne Ward, minister of music and education, First Church, Hammond, Louisiana, singer; services daily at 6:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

(A special invitation is extended to anyone desiring to join the Revival Choir which will rehearse each evening at 6:45 p. m.); Rev. V. Daniel West, pastor.

Oakland Church, Oakland: August 10-15; Rev. Kelly Dampier, First Church, Charleston, evangelist; services at 10:30 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. (A special emphasis on Youth will be on Thursday night. All young people are invited to a fellowship following church service.) Rev. Buford Sellers, pastor.

Harperville Church: July 27-August 1; Dr. W. L. Sewell, Alexandria, La., evangelist; Curtis Ousley, Jones, Alabama, singer; Mrs. Irene Martin, organist; Mrs. Johnnie McCollum, pianist; Rev. Elton Barlow, pastor; hours of services, 11 a. m. & 8 p. m. Sunday; 10:30 a. m. & 7:30 p. m. Monday through Friday.

Farrell Church, Farrell: July 27-Aug. 1; Rev. Hoard B. Benson, pastor of First Church, Carrollton, Georgia for the past 25 years, evangelist; Mrs. Hazel Maupin, music director; Mrs. Loretta Griffin, pianist; Rev. John W. Crosby, pastor.

Freany Church (Leake): July 20-25; Rev. James E. Walker, pastor of Flora Church, evangelist; Rev. Jerry Bishop, pastor.

Gaston (Prentiss): July 27-Aug. 3; services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; Rev. John Olen Gay, Birmingham, Ala., evangelist; Rev. W. G. Dowdy, pastor; H. B. Miller, Mendenhall, music director.

Bohaldia (Neshoba): July 20-25; services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Albert McMullen, pastor, Clear Creek, Lamar County, evangelist; Rev. Jerry McMullen, pastor.

Johnson Church, Et. 6, Meridian: July 20-25; Rev. Jerry G. Simon, pastor, Calvary, Hattiesburg, evangelist; music under direction of Jerry Simon; services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Edgar W. Bryan, III, pastor.

Center Hill, Hamilton: July 20-27; Rev. Frank Taylor, Hueytown, Ala., evangelist; services at 7:30 p. m.; Special music each night.

Roxie Church (Franklin): Aug. 3-8; services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; Rev. Howard D. Smith, pastor, Washington Church, evangelist; Roddy Simmons, minister of music, First Church, Brandon, in charge of music; Rev. Horace Carpenter, pastor.

Southern Hills Church, Henderson Road, Jackson: youth - led revival; July 27 - July 30; Sunday preacher, Byron Morgan, William Carey College and music director, Sammy Crawford, Mississippi College. Monday-Wednesday night, Jack Brown, (pictured) ex-convict, evangelist; Butch Milner will lead the music; services at 7:30 o'clock; Rev. David T. Cranford, pastor.

Mt. Zion (Rankin): July 17 - August 1; services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; (Sunday, July 27, services at 11 a. m. and 1:30 p. m., with lunch at the church, and no night service); Rev. Estus Mason, pastor, First, Crystal Springs, evangelist; Herbert Batson, minister of music at First Church, Crystal Springs, in charge of music; Rev. T. C. Pinson, pastor.

Big Creek (Wayne): July 27 - Aug. 1; Rev. J. W. Williams, pastor, West Salem Church, Greene County evangelist; Pat Powell of Calvary Church, Waynesboro, singer; Rev. Mitchell Smith, pastor; services at 7:30 p. m.

Sabah Baptists Growing

In the past 10 months Baptists in Sabah, Malaysia, have witnessed 109 professions of faith in Christ, 92 baptisms, and 76 additions on other bases to bring total membership in two churches, one gospel center, and eight missions to 235, reports Rev. Charles H. Morris, Southern Baptist missionary.

Average weekly attendance in the English-speaking church was 202, in the Malay-speaking church, 152, and in the Chinese-speaking gospel center, seven. Attendance in Bible study groups (other than Sunday School) was 160. Total offerings were equivalent to \$7,185 in U.S. money.

Unity Church (Union): July 27-August 1; homecoming services on Sunday at 11 a. m. followed by dinner on the grounds; afternoon services will follow with no night services Sunday; night services Monday-Friday at 8 p. m.; Rev. James Harvey, evangelist, from Carrollton Church; Rev. Kermit Grammer, pastor.

Cato Church, Rankin County: July 27 - Aug. 1; Rev. Dale Patterson, new pastor, will preach; music will be led by Bill Styron, music director of Cato Church.

First Church, Brandon: youth revival; July 27 - August 1; guest pastor will be Rev. Granville Watson, pastor of the Moorhead Church; Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor.

Indian Springs, Laurel: July 27 - August 1; weekday services 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Ed Gandy, West Ellisville, evangelist; Hal Waggoner, church music minister, singer; Rev. S. R. Pridgen, pastor.



Record Summer School

William Carey College is experiencing a record summer school enrollment this year; 342 were enrolled in the first five week session ending July 3. The second term began July 7, and will end on August 8th. Shown using the great out-of-doors as a study hall are students left to right; Beverly Stokes, art student from Hattiesburg; Kaye Graves, speech major from Laurel (standing); and Renee McClendon, elementary education from Poplarville.

Sunday School Lesson -

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his hand, than for him to do that which is wrong.

Jesus upheld the original design for marriage. Marriage was designed for two people who love each other for a lifetime proposition. This is still the best, just as it is best that a man never get angry at another. This is the law of perfection. Divorce must never be seen as an easy way out. There is no easy way out, even if fornication can be proved.

However, Christian love must be exercised toward divorces and toward each other. Christian love is the basic attitude toward a happy sex life between partners. And when this is felt, adultery is shown to be the opposite.

The Inner Spirit's Attitude Toward Justice

The oldest code of written ethics said, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But Jesus said that the disciple was to render love in response to evil. Four examples were cited. If someone were to insult one with a slap on the face, turn the other also. If someone were to carry that person to court for a coat, give the outer garment also. If someone compels a Jew to carry a pack a mile, carry it two so that he can show true love. If someone wants something, give it to him. Christian love does not render hate, selfishness, pride, for evil. Life that wants to be God-like wants more than justice, but the best for the other. The court of the land may say we have rights, but in the inner man we must have love. The only protection is when we have done what love compels. There may be a lot of people who want their rights or due from THE COURT, BUT God wants love, not justice.

The law of the disciple's inner spirit is "Be ye therefore perfect like God is perfect." No one can be perfect, we say. But that does not lower the standard. God wants men who are true, not only outwardly but in the inner part, perfect. God judges the heart. Man looks on the outward side.

McCall Named To Texas Commission

WACO, Tex. (BP)—Abner V. McCall, president of Baylor University, is one of six men appointed by Texas Gov. Preston Smith to serve on the Education Commission of Texas, which sets the state's education policies.

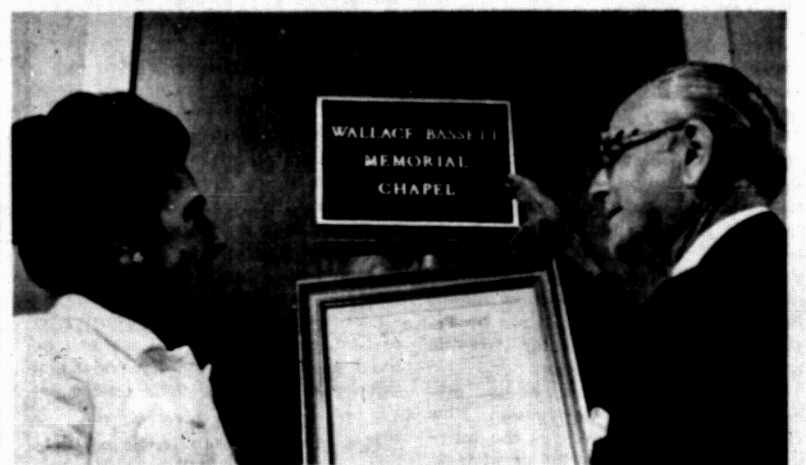
McCall has been president of the Baptist school since 1961. Before that he served as dean of the Baylor School of Law from 1946 to 1960 and as an associate justice on the Supreme Court of Texas.

Kekchi Baptists Organize Church

The four-day, second annual conference of Kekchi Indian Baptists in Guatemala was climaxed with the organization of Nazareth Baptist Church, the first Kekchi dialect Baptist Church. The 30 charter members of the church were among the more than 200 Kekchis at the conference, held on a cattle hacienda in a remote part of the country.

Following the organization ceremony, Rev. Richard R. Greenwood, missionary, baptized 11 additional believers, who had been questioned on doctrinal points by Rev. Hubert N. (Ted) Lindwall, also a missionary. Then a lay pastor and three deacons were elected by the new church members and charged by Missionary Wendall C. Parker.

Three tents were used as a meeting place and sleeping quarters. A shed provided by the hacienda owner was used as a kitchen. The people brought food for the conference, and some took turns staying up nights to grind corn, the main staple in the Indian diet.



Wallace Bassett Memorial

R. ALTON REED, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, is shown presenting to Mrs. Wallace Bassett a memorial to her late husband. The presentation took place in the Board's 511 Building at the entrance to the prayer chapel which was named the Wallace Bassett Memorial Chapel. Dr. Bassett had served as trustee of the Board for 48 years, 45 of them as president. He died in 1968.



Cumberland Breaks Ground For New Plant

On July 13, Cumberland Church at Cumberland held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new plant. Shown turning the first spade of earth is 85-year-old Walter Farley, senior deacon and oldest church member. The present building is to be razed and a new \$29,500, L-shaped building constructed by Contractor George Steadham of Mathiston. The auditorium will seat 200 and educational building will include 11 Sunday school rooms. Central air and heating will be included, and also baptistry and restrooms. Rev. James Palmer, Sr. is pastor. Joe Bob Davis, pictured in foreground, is chairman of the Building Committee.